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SUBJECT: (COINTELPRO)

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Date: 2/7/67

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: Director, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

Re Bureau airtel, 1/26/67; and Jackson airtel,
dated 1/31/67.

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(2 - 157-835)
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Official Agent in Charge

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For information of offices having received no prior information concerning the matter set forth below, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (JKK), utilizes a Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS), to contact Klan subordinates, etc., throughout the United States. Information was also received which indicated SHELTON had conspired to defraud the telephone company, by utilizing his WATS line in a manner to keep Klan expenses down. There was a question as to whether SHELTON's use of WATS line was in violation of Title 18, Section 1343, United States Code (ITSP - FRAUD BY WIRE).

Miami presented the above mentioned facts to United States Attorney, Miami, who advised such was not a violation of the above section. Miami, with Bureau authority, confidentially furnished the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company information indicating SHELTON was defrauding that company, by the misuse of his WATS line.

By airtel dated 11/7/66, Miami advised that the phase of the investigation in Alabama concerning SHELTON's WATS telephone and his use thereof, was being conducted by telephone [redacted], Birmingham. Miami also advised that there was being conducted a survey of SHELTON's WATS service, in order to determine if SHELTON was abusing this service.

On January 16, 1967, [redacted] advised SA(A) [redacted] Birmingham, that he had just completed a survey of all calls made on SHELTON's WATS telephone line, number 073-4848, for the period December 3, 1966, through December 31, 1966. [redacted] is an SAC Contact of the Birmingham Office. [redacted] made available data concerning the dates of calls, telephone numbers called, and cities to which calls were placed, on a confidential basis. (S)(u)

Reffrenced Bureau airtel authorized Birmingham to submit date relating to the above mentioned telephone calls made by SHELTON during December, 1966, to interested offices. Birmingham is herewith enclosing for the Bureau and each designated office one Xerox copy of the list of calls obtained from [redacted]

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As directed by the Bureau, the recipient offices are instructed to identify telephone subscribers residing within their territories, through indices and established sources only. All offices are to insure that no action is taken which might jeopardize our pending counterintelligence activities against SHELTON's Wide Area Telephone Service. The Bureau also directs that no action should be taken in regard to this information, other than as specifically requested.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 2/24/67

FROM : (F.W.) SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBulet, 10/10/66, and Birmingham letter, 10/27/66.

Referenced Bureau letter pointed out that [REDACTED] was the newly elected [REDACTED] United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA), State of Alabama, and the [REDACTED] Greenbriar, Alabama. This letter requested Birmingham give consideration to counterintelligence activity concerning [REDACTED] in an effort to enhance the possibility of developing [REDACTED] as a confidential informant.

b7C Referenced Birmingham letter pointed out that contacts with [REDACTED] were then continuing in an effort to develop him as a confidential racial informant and that should such efforts prove unsuccessful, recommendations would later be made in regard to counterintelligence activity in this regard.

In view of the above, Birmingham sets forth the following information:

Some Birmingham racial informants have on various occasions made mention of the fact that Alabama [REDACTED] when he addressed Klan groups, "preached" to them. These informants made known that they would rather take part in some types of Klan activity than have [REDACTED] or any other person tell them how law-abiding they should be.

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2 - Birmingham

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Bureau authority is requested to prepare an anonymous letter to [REDACTED] in an effort to exploit this situation. A suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama

[REDACTED]

"Something has been bothering me for several months. It just isn't right and I think you should know about it. I have wanted to talk with you about it but don't feel real safe in doing that. Every time I see you, there are others close around and I don't want to take a chance.

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"On at least eight different occasions, since you were [REDACTED] and after you had made a talk at some Klan activity I have heard some of your so-called friends and brothers make slurring remarks about the way you had talked and how you had acted. I know that some of these even profess to be your friends and yet they talk about you always preaching and not even doing a good job of that according to them. Some of them even say that the only reason you are doing what you are doing is because you like the publicity and as some of them say it is an easy way for you to make "some quick bucks." I think you are doing a good job and ought to have the backing of all of us but I just want you to know that there are a lot of members that would do anything to hurt you or to make you a real goat if it would serve their purpose or gain them anything.

"You may know who some of the ones talking against you are but I just will mention that some of them are in our Birmingham Klavern. Hope this will mean something to you and will help you.

"*/s/A Fellow Klansman*"

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KLANZI PARTY)

ReEuairtel, dated 11/8/66.

As mentioned in reairtel, the Bureau has a continuing program directed against the American Nazi Party (ANP) and the various Klan organizations throughout the United States. It was also pointed out in reairtel that the general public did not distinguish one Klan group from another and normally attributed white supremacist activity to the Klan as represented by ROBERT SWEETON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA).

On one or more occasions during the past few months, news articles have appeared in some daily newspapers concerning the propriety of Klansmen serving on juries. It was stated in one article that one judge, when questioning potential jurors concerning their availability and whether qualified, remarked that although Klan membership would not automatically disqualify an individual, he would dismiss every person who admitted Klan membership.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Approved: SGM-JL
Special Agent in Charge

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In line with the above train of thought and reasoning, Birmingham requests the Bureau to take one of the following courses of action in regard to this situation:

1. To present this factual situation to the interested offices for suggestions as to the best means of exploiting such a judicial approach to Klan membership.
2. To give consideration to contacting trusted members of Congress on a strictly confidential basis to see if legislation might be submitted by them disqualifying Klansmen from jury duty. It is believed that some offices would probably have such trusted friends of the Bureau who would be willing to take such action.
3. To check Bureau files for such news articles as above mentioned and furnish suitable data to selected offices either for anonymous mailing or to be made available to selected and trusted newspaper, radio or TV officials for possible use in preparing editorials or suitable news items.
4. To request offices participating in captioned program to submit news articles published in their territory concerning jury duty status of Klansmen and/or whether a judge has expressed an opinion from the bench as to such a situation.

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SAC Birmingham (157-835)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KLANZI PARTY)

ReBhairtel 2/15/67, captioned as above, no copies furnished Atlanta.

Birmingham comments set forth in reairtel are appreciated and will be considered in the Bureau's overall counterintelligence activity against Klan and hate organizations. In the event your suggestions are utilized, you will be advised.

Atlanta advise the Bureau, under the caption of this communication, whether or not any action can be presently taken regarding the sodomy arrest of the Imperial Wizard, Improved Order of the United States Klans (IOUSK), for the purpose of further discrediting Klan organizations.

Take no action in this matter other than specifically requested without prior Bureau authority.

2 - Atlanta (157-826)

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NOTE:

We are considering the feasibility of creating the impression the Klan and Nazi Party are forming the Klanzi Party. If we can create this impression, then through counterintelligence, we may be able to show the immoral character of Klan and Nazi Party leaders. Birmingham comments were considered, but not presently deemed appropriate for our counterintelligence needs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 2/28/67

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (157-689)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL KLOKONVOCATION)

ReBulet to Birmingham dated 1/6/67.

There has been no information received from informants or sources of the Dallas Division which would indicate a UKA National Klonvocation, may be called by ROBERT SHELDON or which would indicate significant shift in UKA National Leadership.

If such information is forthcoming Dallas will immediately advise the Bureau and other interested offices.

This case remains pending in view of other investigation outstanding in the Dallas Division.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-99)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau dated 2/8/67.

Referenced airtel enclosed for the Bureau and Birmingham copies of a newspaper editorial. This editorial, critical of the Klan, appeared in "The News Tribune," Fort Pierce, Florida, on 1/29/67. This airtel and copy of the article are filed as BH 157-835-336.

Birmingham is herewith enclosing a Xerox copy of the above-described newspaper article for the Bureau's assistance in making a decision concerning Birmingham's request in this matter.

Birmingham feels that the publication of the above article served a very useful purpose as far as the FBI and instant matter are concerned. It naturally follows that the general public also benefited thereby.

In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to authorize Birmingham to take one of the following courses of action:

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1. On a highly confidential basis, contact selected officials of leading newspapers in the Birmingham Division and furnish them a copy of the enclosed article. It is to be noted that many such newspaper officials in the Birmingham Division are either SAC Contacts or established sources.

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Special Agent in ChargeINVESTIGATOR
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2. To allow Birmingham to prepare Xerox copies of the enclosed article, with appropriate data identifying the newspaper and author, and anonymously mail such copies to the group of officials mentioned in the preceding paragraph. If this procedure is authorized, Birmingham will use commercial stationery that cannot be traced to the FBI.

Birmingham will take no action in this matter until Bureau authority is received.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

We Don't Need Them

than a week ago, one of the Ku Klux Klan groups held a rally at Vero Beach, at which Snelton, imperial wizard of the Klan, spoke to his encounters with national subversives in his sub-social organization.

The platform, with Snelton, a leader in Klan activities throughout, was loud-blank, anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi, anti-Catholic, anti-Communist, and fared poorly in his bid for Democratic nomination to the Senate.

One word is that Mr. Snelton's career plans are a political mess. Let's say he's burning up running cross, with any luck through such an organization as the Klan.

Total theme of the rally at Vero Beach, Jan. 20 was pure hate — for Jews, Catholics, Negroes, Communists and others who has turned on America's purpose. It somehow sounds like the Klan (and some other splinter groups) find Communism everywhere that their acceptance is less than wholehearted.

Oh, yes, reportedly Snelton

has a formula for detecting Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, and his description of it drew laughs but apparently was not suitable for publication in a family newspaper.

He could be assumed to dislike FBI agents because that agency watches Klan activities just as it does any trend that may threaten the security of this nation.

The Klan is an organization that seems to want to run the country according to the lights of its personnel, with little or no regard for the law of the land that the FBI is dedicated to protect. This is the way to rule by emotion and ignorance.

It is not the American way — Caucasian, Negro, Jewish, Catholic or Protestant — and we believe most thinking people would agree.

We don't really need this Klanish way of life.

We don't really need the Ku Klux Klan or its avowed precepts anywhere in our neighborhood.

And fortunately, while there seems little evidence, the movement is really catching on.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 4
"The News Tribune"
Ft. Pierce, Fla.

Date: 1/29/67

Edition:

Author:

Editor: CHARLES S. NILES
Title: USA, KKK

Character: RM (KLAN)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

ReBhairtel 2/14/67, captioned as above.

Advise the Bureau of the identities of the news media sources you intend to utilize, as suggested in reairtel. Your advice should be accompanied by a certification the news media sources suggested are thoroughly reliable, and will not, at any time, reveal FBI interest in this matter.

Take no action other than specifically requested in this communication without prior Bureau authority.

JFM:dmt (4)

NOTE: Birmingham desires to furnish leading news media sources in Birmingham Division an article which appeared in "The News Tribune," Fort Pierce, Florida, 1/29/67, captioned "We Don't Need Them." This article is detrimental to Klan activity, and Birmingham desires same to be reprinted or recirculated via leading Birmingham newspapers in order to further downgrade Klan activity. In accordance with our existing policies, Birmingham requested to furnish further information regarding identity of sources, prior to authorization.

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Date: March 3, 1967

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4-9)
 (174-223)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
 (174-56)

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 INTERNAL SECURITY
 DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
 (ROBERT M. SHELTON)

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ReBUairtel 2/28/67 captioned "CHARBOM;"
 Charlotte airtel, 2/17/67 captioned "CHARBOM;" and
 Birmingham airtel, 2/7/67, captioned "COUNTER INTELLIGENCE
 PROGRAM."

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and
 two copies for each recipient office of a letterhead
 memorandum relative to telephone calls placed by
 ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of
 America, Inc. (UKA) on his Wide Area Telephone System
 (WATS) line during December of 1966. 100 MAR 13 1967

Referenced airtel dated February 7, 1967, furnished the Bureau and all recipient offices with a list of the above-mentioned calls.

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	3-Birmingham (2-157-835) (1-174-56)

61 Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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For information of all offices, Charlotte in referenced airtel dated 2/17/67, advised that Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN at Meridian, Mississippi, telephonically advised the Charlotte office that the Department of Justice desired all data concerning interstate communications relative to Klan business. Charlotte stated that Inspector SULLIVAN was apprised of the fact that SHELTON has a WATS line and had made numerous telephone calls to various Klan officials in North Carolina. Referenced Charlotte airtel called attention to referenced Birmingham airtel and requested the Bureau, in accordance with instructions of Inspector SULLIVAN, to authorize Birmingham to contact the telephone company for the purpose of obtaining information concerning calls placed by SHELTON to North Carolina during the period from November 25, 1965 up to the present time or for whatever period records were available during this period.

For information of all offices, the Bureau in referenced Bureau airtel advised that the matter of authorizing Birmingham to make further contact with the telephone company for the purpose of obtaining information relative to calls placed by SHELTON, is now under consideration at the Bureau. The Bureau also instructed Birmingham to furnish the information presently in Birmingham's possession to the Bureau by letterhead memorandum immediately in a form suitable for dissemination.

In accordance with the above, Birmingham is herewith submitting the enclosed letterhead memorandum. Birmingham is preparing sufficient copies of the letterhead memorandum for local dissemination to Military Intelligence Agencies and the U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham; however, such dissemination is being withheld until Bureau approval of the letterhead memorandum and such dissemination is received.

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[REDACTED] who requested his identity be protected in all intercepts.

BK 157-835
BH 174-56

In order to expedite the proper handling of pertinent data developed by each recipient office, each office is requested to submit appropriate letterhead memoranda setting forth such data properly documented and in form suitable for dissemination.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama, 35203

March 3, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: INFORMATION RELATIVE TO
TELEPHONE CALLS REPORTEDLY PLACED
BY ROBERT M. SHELTON,
IMPERIAL WIZARD,
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA),
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN DURING
PERIOD OF DECEMBER 3 - 31, 1966

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is being set forth in the Appendix section of this communication.

On January 16, 1967, Birmingham Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that he had received information reflecting that during the period December 3 through 31, 1966, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, utilized a Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) to place calls to the following telephone numbers on the dates and cities as set out below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number Called</u>	<u>Place Called</u>
December 3, 1966	[redacted]	[redacted]
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**RE: INFORMATION RELATIVE TO
TELEPHONE CALLS REPORTEDLY PLACED
BY HOFFER V. SHELTON, ETC.**

RE: INFORMATION RELATING TO
TELEPHONE CALLS REPORTEDLY PLACED
BY ROBERT E. SHELTON, F.M.

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BY ROBERT W. SKEELTON, ETC.**

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961; the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klanvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the national office was moved from Suite #401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the garage of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

APPENDIX



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama, 35203

March 3, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title: INFORMATION RELATIVE TO
TELEPHONE CALLS REPORTEDLY PLACED
BY ROBERT M. SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD,
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA)
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN DURING
PERIOD OF DECEMBER 3 - 31, 1966

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference: Letterhead memorandum dated March 3, 1967,
at Birmingham, Alabama

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-29)

DATE: 3/8/67

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

ReBulet 2-28-67 and Birmingham airtel 2-14-67.

The following data is being submitted in accordance with referenced Bureau letter. The news media sources to be utilized as suggested in reairtel are as follows:

[REDACTED]
"Birmingham News"
Birmingham, Alabama

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[REDACTED]
"Huntsville News"
Huntsville, Alabama

[REDACTED]
"Tuscaloosa News"
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Should the Bureau authorize contacts with any or all three of the above-named individuals, each of whom is thoroughly reliable, Birmingham certifies that they will not reveal the FBI interest in this matter.

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It is to be noted, however, that one or more of the above-named sources may, when approached concerning this project, make known that they are not in a position to take the action desired by the FBI in regard to such an article.

Birmingham will take no further action in this regard until Bureau authority is received.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

We Don't Need Them

Less than a week ago, one of the Ku Klux Klan groups held a rally near Vero Beach at which Robert Shelton, imperial wizard and noted for his encounters with a congressional subcommittee investigating his sub-strata organization, was a speaker.

On the platform with Shelton, and openly a leader in Klan activities hereabouts, was Leon Blanton, the Vero Beach cobbler who tried his hand at Democratic politics last May and fared poorly in his bid for Democratic nomination to the Legislature.

The word is that Mr. Blanton has further plans for a political career. We'd say he's barking up the wrong flaming cross, with any approach through such an organization as the Klan.

Total theme of the rally near Vero Beach, Jan. 20 was pure hate — for Jews, Catholics, Negroes, Communists and anybody who has frowned on the Klan's purposes. It sometimes sounds like the Klan (and some other splinter groups) find Communism everywhere that their acceptance is less than wholehearted.

Oh, yes, reportedly Shelton

has a formula for detecting Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, and his description of it drew laughs but apparently was not suitable for publication in a family newspaper.

He could be assumed to dislike FBI agents because that agency watches Klan activities just as it does any trend that may threaten the security of this nation.

The Klan is an organization that seems to want to run the country according to the lights of its personnel, with little or no regard for the law of the land that the FBI is dedicated to protect. This is the way to rule by emotion and ignorance.

It is not the American way — Caucasian, Negro, Jewish, Catholic or Protestant — and we believe most thinking people would agree.

We don't really need this Klannish way of life.

We don't really need the Ku Klux Klan or its avowed precepts anywhere in our neighborhood.

And fortunately, we are told, there seems little evidence that the movement is really catching on.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 4
"The News Tribune"
Ft. Pierce, Fla.

Date: 1/29/67

Edition:

Author:

Editor: CHARLES S. MILEY

Title: UKA, KKK

Character: RM (KLAN)

or

Classification: 157-514

Submitting Office: Miami

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3/21/67

Airtel

1 - Mr. R. E. Wick
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-835)
From: Director, FBI (157-9-4) ^{REC-121} - 99

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(RCBWT M. SHELTON)

Rearairtel 2/14/67 and letter 3/8/67.

Authority granted, as a counterintelligence technique, to furnish copies of the editorial captioned "We Don't Need Them," which appeared in "The News Tribune," Ft. Pierce, Florida, on 1/29/67 to [REDACTED] ^{BIRMINGHAM NEWS,} [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama; [REDACTED] "Huntsville News," Huntsville, Alabama; and [REDACTED] "Tuscaloosa News," Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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Insure that Bureau interest is not divulged.

Your interest in submitting this request is appreciated. Advise of tangible results and be alert to suggest follow-up measures.

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NOTE:

This editorial is detrimental to the Klan and Birmingham desires to have it reprinted in Alabama newspapers to further downgrade Klan activity. Birmingham certifies that [REDACTED] are thoroughly reliable and will not reveal FBI interest in this matter. It is further noted that [REDACTED] are on the Special Correspondents List. Copy of editorial is attached.

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Date: 2/21/67

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

WPA

On 2/17/67, the Birmingham Office received a copy of a newspaper article from the Tampa Office. This newspaper article reportedly was set out in the 2/11/67 edition of the "Tampa Times," of Tampa, Florida. This article was captioned "Kluxer's Logic Impossible" and was exceedingly critical of ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA), and the UKA organization.

Birmingham is herewith enclosing a Xerox copy of the above-described newspaper article for the Bureau's assistance in making a decision concerning Birmingham's request in this matter.

Birmingham feels that the publication of the above-mentioned article serves a very useful purpose as far as the FBI and instant matter are concerned. It quite naturally follows that the general public also benefited thereby.

In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to authorize Birmingham to take one of the following courses of action:

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Special Agent in Charge

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1. On a highly confidential basis, contact selected officials of leading newspapers in the Birmingham Division and furnish them a copy of the enclosed article. It is to be noted that many such newspaper officials in the Birmingham Division are either SAC contacts or established sources.

2. To allow Birmingham to prepare Xerox copies of the enclosed article, with appropriate data identifying the newspaper and author, and anonymously mail such copies to the group of officials mentioned in the preceding paragraph. If this procedure is authorized, Birmingham will use commercial stationery that cannot be traced to the FBI.

(Mount Clipping In Space Below)

Kluxers Logic Impossible

The cause of racial unrest in this country has now been "explained."

A fellow up in Alabama named Robert Shelton, who carries the uncontested title of being the top hoodah in the Ku Klux Klan, made a speech the other day in which he blamed "Communist agents" for all the trouble.

It's a bit difficult to follow Shelton's logic. Apparently he is saying that before Communist agents infiltrated this idyllic land of ours, the Negro was content with his lot.

Then, says the top Kluxer, some dirty Commies gave Christians "a sense of guilt." That started the reworks, such as the Watts riots, rebellions against segregation in homes, schools, restaurants, buses, trains and airplanes. This "guilt" prompted Congress to pass civil rights laws, and the courts to uphold them.

But at this point we become even more confused. What Christians, whites or colored, felt a sense of guilt?

We don't think communism deserves this credit. In truth, communism embraces all the injustices, discriminations and deprivations which this country is now trying to diminish and ultimately to eliminate. Perhaps Mr. Shelton is trying to hide his own sense of guilt.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

8 TAMPA TIMES
TAMPA, FLA.

Date: 2-11-67

Edition:

Author:

Editor: C. W. JOHNSON

Title: UKA, INC.

Character: RM - KLAN
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Classification: TP 157-355

Submitting Office: TAMPA

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SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FDI (157-9-29)

- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
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1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

Rurairtel 2/21/67.

Rcairtel requested Bureau authority to take counterintelligence action relative to an article which appeared in the "Tampa Times," of Tampa, Florida, on 2/11/67.

You are requested to advise the Bureau of the identity of the selected officials in the newspaper field who are SAC contacts or established sources through whom you propose to have the newspaper article published.

For your future information, it is always necessary to furnish the identity of sources and/or contacts whom you propose to use in any counterintelligence endeavor.

Your proposed counterintelligence action appears to have merit and will be given further consideration upon receipt of the identity of the contacts and/or sources.

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NOTE:

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As a counterintelligence measure, the Birmingham Office has proposed contacting selected officials and/or SAC contacts or established sources in the news media field in order to have an article which is critical of the Klan reprinted. It is necessary that we know the identity of the contacts and/or sources who will be used prior to granting approval of this proposed counterintelligence action.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-MAIN)

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

DATE: 3/2/67

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ReBulet, 8/9/65.

ReBulet enclosed six individually numbered Xerox copies of cartoons.

Birmingham requests the Bureau to furnish 100 copies of cartoon numbered "5" if such copies are currently available. Birmingham feels that an anonymous mailing of such cartoons to known UKA members will serve as a definite disruptive force and Bureau authority to mail such cartoons is herewith requested.

With thanks of [unclear] to [unclear]

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Date: 2/24/67

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
 FROM SAC, TAMPA (157-2642) (RUC)
 SUBJECT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 INTERNAL SECURITY
 DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
 (ROBERT M. SHELTON)

Re Birmingham airtel to Director 2/7/67 with one
 enclosure re WATS.

AT ORLANDO, FLA.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Orlando telephone number [REDACTED] is not listed
 in the criss-cross directory or city directory for the city
 of Orlando, Fla.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is the
 home of [REDACTED], known to
 be a leader in organizing a new klavern of the UKA, Inc.
 in Orlando, Fla.

AT COCOS, FLA.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
 The following listings were obtained from the
 Brevard County Locator, Criss Cross Telephone Directory,
 1966, which covers Melbourne and Titusville, Fla.:
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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham (157-835) (RM)
- 2 - Tampa

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by Agent in Charge

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Telephone Number

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All of the above are members of the UKA with the
exception of [REDACTED] Additional checks, however,
determine this number [REDACTED] is now listed to [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-Main)

DATE: 3/1/67

FROM : SAC, Birmingham. (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

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Re Bureau letter, 4/15/65.

Referenced Bureau communication attached five individually numbered Xerox copies of rough sketches prepared by the FBI Laboratory. These sketches were prepared for anonymous mailings to disrupt the Klan, etc.

Birmingham requests the Bureau furnish this office with an additional 100 copies of cartoon numbered "2," with authority to anonymously mail them to selected UKA members within the Birmingham Division.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-370)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-722) (P)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA),
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (KKKK)
RM (ELAN)
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ReCGairtel to Bureau, 3/3/67, carrying dual caption of above and "Counterintelligence Program, etc."

In accordance with request set out in reairtel,
Birmingham is furnishing the following information to
the Bureau and offices receiving copies of reairtel:

5 - Bureau (RM)
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(1 - 157-9)
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1 - Milwaukee (157-222) (Info) (RM)
1 - Springfield (Info) (RM)
8 - Chicago (RM)

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U. S. Fish & Game Agent in Charge

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On 6/19/66, [REDACTED] was elected [REDACTED] Faculty of Alabama, UKA, Inc., KKK, at a State Meeting held in Linden, Alabama. [REDACTED] is still the Alabama [REDACTED] of the UKA.

A review of the Birmingham indices reveals that [REDACTED] mentioned in reairtel is apparently identical with [REDACTED] who is the subject of Birmingham file 157-457 and Chicago file 157-256.

On 6/13/66, at a State Meeting of the UKA held at Linden, Alabama, [REDACTED] was described as [REDACTED] of Province #8, State of Alabama, UKA, according to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that at a meeting of the Decatur Klavern, UKA, held at Decatur, Alabama, on 9/20/66, it was announced that [REDACTED] was "stepping down" [REDACTED]

The following background data is being furnished concerning [REDACTED]

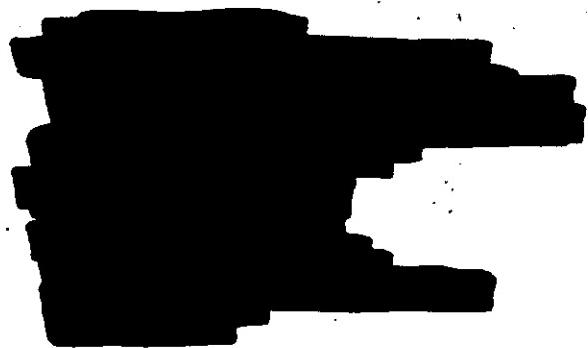
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Build:	[REDACTED]
Complexion:	[REDACTED]
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Education:	[REDACTED]
Marital Status:	[REDACTED]

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SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

3/15/67

Director, FBI (157-9-4)

1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Reurlet 2/24/67.

While your interest in submitting the request to mail an anonymous letter to [REDACTED] is appreciated, authority is denied at this time.

The Bureau is reluctant to send a large number of anonymous letters to Klan leaders at any given time and for this reason, your request is denied.

If at a later date you feel an anonymous letter to [REDACTED] would serve a useful purpose as a counterintelligence measure, you should resubmit a proposed letter for approval.

In the meantime, you are encouraged to consider counterintelligence activity of a different type regarding [REDACTED]. Specifically, your counterintelligence program should be aimed at disrupting the entire Klan organization in the State of Alabama as well as materially reducing the activities of the United Klans of America, Inc., in the United States.

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NOTE:

Birmingham requested authorization to prepare and mail an anonymous letter to [REDACTED], the newly elected [REDACTED] of the United Klans of America, Inc., for the State of Alabama. We do not desire to "flood the market" at the present time as regards sending anonymous letters to Klan leaders. It is noted that several of these letters have recently been approved for various divisions in the field. We are encouraging counterintelligence activities which will cause disruption on a broader basis.

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Via

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4-9)
(174-223) C.R.D.
FBI: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-863) 3-15-67
SUBJ: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY G-94B
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS WKD by J.T.
(ROBERT M. SHELTON) I - Bombing - CRA of 1964 Unit

CHARLES

Re Birmingham airtels to Bureau, dated 2/7/67
and 3/3/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies
and for Birmingham Office 3 copies of an LHM, dated 3/9/67
concerning telephone calls made by ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial
Wizard, USA, during period December 3 through 31, 1966.

The sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

March 3, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

INFORMATION RELATIVE
TO TELEPHONE CALLS
REPORTEDLY PLACED BY
ROBERT M. SHELTON,
IMPERIAL WIZARD, UNITED
KLANS OF AMERICA,
INCORPORATED (UKA),
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
DURING PERIOD OF DECEMBER
3 - 31, 1966

Reference is being made to the memorandum dated March 3, 1967 at Birmingham, Alabama, captioned as above.

Characterizations of the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Florida, are contained in the appendix section of this memorandum.

Referenced memorandum set forth the following telephone numbers to which calls were placed by Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, UKA, during the period December 3 through 31, 1966, to the area of Florida covered by the Jacksonville Office of the FBI, in which he utilized a Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS):

Telephone number [REDACTED] Florida

D C 4 calls were made to this number on December 7, 1966

1 call was made on December 8, 1966

1 call was made on December 12, 1966

2 calls were made on December 17, 1966

3 calls were made on December 20, 1966

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INFORMATION PERTAINING TO MEMBERSHIP IN
REPORTEDLY PLACED BY ROY M. SIMPSON
IMPERIAL WIZARD, UNITED KLANNS OF AMERICA,
INCORPORATED (UKA), KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN DURING PERIOD OF DECEMBER
3 - 31, 1966

Telephone Number [REDACTED] Florida

7 calls were made to this number on December 20, 1966
1 call was made to this number on December 29, 1966

Telephone Number [REDACTED] Florida

1 call was made to this number on December 23, 1966

The identities of subscribers to the above telephone
numbers are as follows:

[REDACTED] b7C
The Tri-Counties Telephone Directory for Bonifay,
Florida shows that this telephone number is listed as the residence telephone of [REDACTED] b7D

On February 26, 1967, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was organizing political opposition to him through the Ku Klux Klan.

A source, [REDACTED] has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 7, 1966 that [REDACTED] attended a meeting of Unit Number 6, UKA, Dothan, Alabama on June 28, 1966. He offered the support and participation of the Bonifay, Florida Unit of the UKA in the motorcade to Dothan for a rally of Houston Klavern Number 6, UKA Dothan, Alabama on July 9, 1966.

This source advised that [REDACTED] was a member of Houston Klavern Number 6, UKA Dothan, Alabama.

During July 1966, [REDACTED] made available a list of automobile license numbers of cars participating in a motorcade that preceded a UKA Rally at Dothan, Alabama on July 9, 1966.

INFORMATION IN RELATION TO A LISTING OF NAMES
REPORTEDLY HELD BY ALICE M. SWILTON
IMPERIAL WIZARD, UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA,
INCORPORATED (USA), ENEMIES OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN DURING PERIOD OF DECEMBER
3 - 31, 1966

Included in this list was 1936 [REDACTED]

It was determined through [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was issued to [REDACTED]
for use on a [REDACTED] Ford.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 19, 1966, furnished a list of names of individuals who were either active in the UKA or could be counted as sympathetic. [REDACTED] was included in this list.

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[REDACTED] advised on February 15, 1967, that this telephone number is listed as the residence telephone of [REDACTED]

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 1, 1966 that [REDACTED] of the UKA, Panama City, Florida, had in his possession a letter from [REDACTED], Marianna, Florida.

The Southern Telephone Directory for Panama City, Florida shows that this telephone number is listed to [REDACTED]

The 1966 City Directory for Panama City shows [REDACTED] with residence at [REDACTED]

The same directory street listing shows that [REDACTED] with wife [REDACTED] owns the home and resides at [REDACTED]

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO MEMBERSHIP
REPORTEDLY PLACED IN SUBJECT M, SECTION
IMPERIAL WIZARD, ORKLIO KLAN OF AMERICOA,
INCORPORATED (OKA), ENCLUBS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN DURING PERIOD OF DECEMBER
3 - 31, 1966

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[REDACTED] He is shown as an employee of the [REDACTED] with
residence at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is shown as the [REDACTED]

The files of the Jacksonville Office of the FBI contain no references identifiable with any of the above individuals.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

DATE: 3/28/67

FROM: ~~AAC~~, SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-335) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF LEFT GROUPS
(ROBERT W. SHELTON)

ReBulet, 3/14/67, and Bil airtel, 2/21/67.

As instructed in referenced Bureau letter,
the following data is being submitted. The news media
sources to be utilized as suggested in reairtel are
established sources and/or SAC contacts of Birmingham
are as follows:

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Should the Bureau authorize contacts with any
or all three of the above-named individuals, each of whom
is thoroughly reliable, Birmingham certifies that they
will not reveal the FBI interest in this matter.

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② - Birmingham

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It is to be noted, however, that one or more of the above-named sources may, when approached concerning this project, make known that they are not in a position to take the action desired by the FBI in regard to such an article.

Birmingham will take no further action in this regard until Bureau authority is received.

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

4/12/67

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Director, FBI (157-9-4) - 107
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

1 - Mr. R. E. Wick
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

ReBillet 3/28/67.

Authority granted, as a counterintelligence technique, to furnish on a confidential basis, copies of the article "Kluxor's Logic Impossible" which appeared in the "Tampa Times," Tampa, Florida, on 2/11/67 to:

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Assume Bureau interest is not divulged.

Your interest in submitting this request is appreciated. Advice of tangible results and be alert to suggest follow-up measures.

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NOTE: This article is exceedingly critical of Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizards, United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA) and the UKA organization. Birmingham desires to have it reprinted in Alabama newspapers to further downgrade Klan activities. Birmingham certifies that [REDACTED] are thoroughly reliable and will not reveal FBI interest in this matter. It is further noted that [REDACTED] are on the Special Correspondents' List. Copy of article is attached.

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KKK's Logic Impossibly

The cause of racial unrest in this country has now been "explained."

A fellow up in Alabama named Robert Shelton, who carries the uncontested title of being the top howdah in the Ku Klux Klan, made a speech the other day in which he blamed "Communist agents" for all the trouble.

It's a bit difficult to follow Shelton's logic. Apparently he's saying that before Communist agents infiltrated this idyllic land of ours, the Negro was content with his lot.

Then, says the top KKKer, some dirty Commies gave Christians "a sense of guilt." That started the fireworks, such as the Watts riots, rebellions against segregation in homes, schools, restaurants, buses, trains and airplanes. This "guilt" prompted Congress to pass civil rights laws, and the courts to uphold them.

But at this point we become even more confused. What Christians, whites or colored, felt a sense of guilt?

We don't think communism deserves this credit. In truth, communism embodies all the injustices, discriminations and deprivations which this country is now trying to diminish and ultimately to eliminate. Perhaps Mr. Shelton is trying to hide his own sense of guilt.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

8 - TAMPA TIMES
TAMPA, FLA.

Date: 2-11-67

Edition:

Author:

Editor: C. W. JOHNSON

Title: UKA, INC.

Character:

or KKK - KLAN

Classification: TP 157-354

Submitting Office: TAMPA

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 3/29/67

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
[REDACTED]

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ReBulet dated 1/16/67, captioned as above, and Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 3/7/67 entitled "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC."

Referenced Bureau communication set forth a proposed counterintelligence measure involving [REDACTED] of the UKA. It was pointed out in this communication that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, reportedly used an electronic recording device in connection with his telephone service at his residence. It was suggested that Birmingham attempt to resolve whether SHELTON actually utilized such a recording device in order that a pretext telephone call might be made to SHELTON's residence concerning [REDACTED] at a time when this recording device was in operation. Paragraph 2 of page 2 of referenced Bureau communication sets forth and quotes a proposed message that could be left for SHELTON's consideration at the time of such a pretext telephone call.

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Referenced Charlotte communication sets forth information to the effect that in late February, 1967, a Charlotte informant advised that SHELTON does have a "toning device" in his possession which allows him to ascertain the contents of messages left by telephone callers to his office. Paragraph one of referenced communication sets forth details concerning the operation of this device and points out that a message not to exceed 30 seconds in duration can be left for SHELTON's consideration by any caller.

In view of the above, Birmingham requests authority from the Bureau to attempt to make a pretext telephone call to SHELTON's residence phone and to leave the following message if it is determined that a recording device is in operation on SHELTON's phone at the time of the call:

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1 - [REDACTED]

1 - 105-722 (UKA)

1 - 105-560 (Robert M. Shelton)

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"JOHN HARRISON calling -- stockbroker for [REDACTED] I want to verify his official position with your office. He has a large common stock transaction in connection with the purchase of a home pending. If I don't call back, you'll know I verified this at Tuscaloosa."

Birmingham will take no action in regard to the above until specific Bureau authority is received in this matter.

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)
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4/20/67

Director, FBI (157-9-4)-**108**

1 - J. V. Walsh

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBNIlet 3/29/67.

Authority granted as a counterintelligence measure to make the pretext telephone call to the residence phone of Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA), as requested in relet.

Advise of any tangible results and be alert to suggest follow-up counterintelligence action.'

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NOTE:

Information has been received that Shelton utilizes a recording device on incoming calls at his home. The Bureau previously suggested to BH that a pretext call be made to Shelton designed to cause disruption between Imperial Wizard Shelton and his [REDACTED]. The pretext call is designed to give thought to Shelton that [REDACTED] is skimming UKA funds as there is some indication that [REDACTED] is attempting to purchase a home. The pretext call will be as follows: "John Harrison calling...stockbroker for [REDACTED] I want to verify his official position with your office. He has a large common stock transaction in connection with the purchase of a home pending. If I don't call back, you'll know I verified this at Tuscaloosa."

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Date: 4/3/67

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 1-5-67.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three-month period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action:

Birmingham continues to devote considerable time to the gathering of information concerning the residences and possibly other real estate holdings of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and [REDACTED] both of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA). As the Bureau is aware, should information be developed indicating that SHELTON [REDACTED] have real estate holdings other than an interest in their residences, such information will be passed on to the Internal Revenue Service of the U. S., which is conducting a "Sensitive Investigation" concerning the possible use of UKA funds by SHELTON [REDACTED] for their personal use. Of course, Bureau approval will have to be obtained prior to the furnishing of any such information to Internal Revenue Service or any other agency.

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets, and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the

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proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action:

By letter dated 1/16/67, the Bureau made known that it was in receipt of information indicating SHELTON utilized an electronic recording device in connection with the telephone service installed at his residence. The Bureau offered for consideration a message which was set forth in Bulet of 1/16/67, and this letter and message concerned counterintelligence action directed toward [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the UKA. Subsequent to receipt of Bulet of 1/16/67, Birmingham received information further substantiating the information concerning SHELTON possessing such a recording device on his telephone, and thereafter Birmingham requested authority of the Bureau to send such a message as above-mentioned to SHELTON's telephone, using the recording device only, and no message is to be left if the recording device is not in operation at the time of the call. This request is presently under consideration at the Bureau.

In January, 1967, with Bureau approval, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, was contacted and made available a survey of all calls made on SHELTON's Wats telephone line for the month of December, 1966. The information obtained from [REDACTED] was, with Bureau authority, made available to the various FBI field offices involved by SHELTON having placed calls to telephone numbers in their respective territories. Information received from investigation conducted by the various field offices, as instructed by the Bureau, is still being obtained and in certain instances utilized. Birmingham, with Bureau approval, is continuing contacts with [REDACTED] above-mentioned, in an effort to obtain additional information of value to the Bureau in regard to captioned program and other Bureau cases.

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As the Bureau is aware, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is aware of a possibility that SHELTON may now or in the past may have been misusing his Wats telephone service. At present, Birmingham does not have any information to the effect that the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is planning any move against SHELTON in the form of a civil suit; however, Birmingham feels that it is in a position to be apprised of any such contemplated or specific action taken by the Telephone Company due to the fact that [REDACTED] above-described, is an SAC Contact of the Birmingham Office, [REDACTED] and can be trusted to protect the FBI's interest in any matter and in any case.

In February, 1967, the Miami Office enclosed for the Bureau and Birmingham copies of a newspaper editorial critical of the Klan. This article appeared in "The News Tribune," Ft. Pierce, Florida, on 1/29/67. On 2/14/67, Birmingham requested Bureau authority to contact certain selected officials of leading newspapers in the Birmingham Division concerning this situation and this counterintelligence endeavor is currently in the process of being carried out.

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In February, 1967, Birmingham also suggested to the Bureau that consideration should possibly be given to the Bureau requesting various offices to submit news articles which have appeared in some daily newspapers concerning the propriety of Klansmen serving on juries. In the letter suggesting such action, it was pointed out that in one article a Judge, when questioning potential jurors concerning their availability and whether qualified, remarked that although Klan membership would not automatically disqualify an individual, he (the Judge) would dismiss every person who admitted Klan membership.

In March, 1967, Birmingham recommended to the Bureau that Birmingham be authorized to submit an anonymous letter to [REDACTED] of the UKA. This letter was prepared as though being sent by a fellow Klansman to the Alabama Grand Dragon and as though the sender was friendly with [REDACTED] and just wanted [REDACTED] to know that some of the UKA members who attended meetings presided over by [REDACTED] had somewhat mocked or made fun of the manner in which he conducted the Klan meetings.

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In February, 1967, the Birmingham Office also received Xerox copy of an article derogatory to the Klan from the Tampa FBI Office. This article appeared in the "Tampa Times" of Tampa, Florida, under date of 2/11/67. A Xerox copy of this article was furnished to the Bureau with the request that the Birmingham Office be allowed to contact certain trusted news media in order to get such sources to either publish the article or write similar articles concerning this derogatory article. This counter-intelligence recommendation is still pending.

On two different dates in March, 1967, Birmingham made specific request of the Bureau to furnish Birmingham with additional copies of certain specific cartoons, which the Bureau had previously furnished to the Birmingham Office. Birmingham is presently awaiting receipt of such additional cartoons, which Birmingham feels can be anonymously mailed to certain selected Klan members with the desired effect of further disrupting Klan activities in the Birmingham Division.

(3) TANGIBLE RESULTS

Birmingham continues to place great significance on the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence, or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. Birmingham continues to feel that such inactivity on the part of the various hate groups, including the UKA, can to a great extent be attributed to and considered tangible results of the counter-intelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI Offices participating in captioned matter.

During the current reporting period, Birmingham has received information from one or more of its racial informants to the effect that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, is of the opinion and has so stated that the FBI has numerous Special Agents who somehow manage to know a great deal about his activity and activity of other UKA officials. SHELTON reportedly has made statements to the effect that regardless of where he may be traveling, when he stops to eat he quite often sees persons whom he believes to be Special Agents of the FBI also eating at the same restaurant. SHELTON and other UKA officials continue to openly express great concern

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[redacted] is to just how the FBI continues to know so much about the UKA's activities, their officers and members. It is believed by Birmingham that such concern on the part of SHELTON and other UKA officials has had a great deal to do with curtailing the activity and plans of the various UKA units throughout the Birmingham Division and throughout other UKA organizations or units, and this fear is believed to have resulted in great part from counterintelligence activity on the part of the FBI.

Birmingham also feels that quite a number of the UKA members throughout the Birmingham Division have either withdrawn from the UKA or ceased attending meetings and taking part in other UKA activities based upon the fact that they had in some manner by having received anonymous postcards or other communications showing that their Klan membership was known been kept from taking part in any UKA activity.

Birmingham is also of the opinion that the counter-intelligence activity of the Birmingham Office and other offices has raised doubt in the minds of numerous UKA officials and/or members concerning whether or not some of their acquaintances, associates, and friends might not be UKA members merely for the purpose of informing on them. One such instance is the case of [redacted] Alabama, who until recently was

[redacted] Alabama, Klavern of UKA. [redacted] was expelled from the UKA for drinking, running around with UKA members' wives, and because of the fact he was suspected of being an informant as he was spending more money than the UKA members thought he could make from his employment. It is to be noted that [redacted] was not an informant or potential informant of the Birmingham Office of the FBI.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (174-223)
(157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (174-56) (P)

CHAMBERLAIN

COINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

ReBudairtel to Birmingham and Charlotte, dated
3/15/67, under CHAREOM caption.

The information initially furnished by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Birmingham, was on a voluntary basis.
Subsequent contacts have been had with him, and a
request made of him for additional toll call information.
He is most desirous of cooperating but stated he has his
limitations as to time he can request a WATS survey on
the line of SHELTON. He states that he may review WATS
calls of any subscriber at regular intervals, usually
every three months, and that the regular schedule for
reviewing SHELTON is near. As soon as available,
results will be furnished to the Bureau and interested
offices.

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2 - Charlotte (174-59) (RM)
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Director, FBI (157-9-4)

1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

ReBMs 3/1 and 2/67 captioned as above.

Enclosed for your use are fifty copies each of the two cartoons requested in referenced letter.

Authority is granted for you to anonymously mail these cartoons to selected United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan members. *AL*

Take all precautions to insure these mailings cannot be associated with the FBI and be alert to recommend follow-up counterintelligence action. Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Enclosures (100)

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NOTE:

The use of cartoons in the Counterintelligence Program directed against the Ku Klux Klan was previously approved by memorandum F. J. Baumgardner to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 1/19/65.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 INTERNAL SECURITY
 DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 4/3/67.

The following is a status letter covering
 the previous three-month period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to devote considerable time to the gathering of information concerning the residences and possibly other real estate holdings of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, [REDACTED] both of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA). As the Bureau is aware, should information be developed indicating that SHELTON [REDACTED] have real estate holdings other than an interest in their residences, such information will be passed on to the Internal Revenue Service of the U.S., which is conducting a "Sensitive Investigation" concerning the possible use of UKA funds by SHELTON [REDACTED] for their personal use. Of course, Bureau approval will have to be obtained prior to the furnishing of any such information to Internal Revenue Service or any other agency.

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Approved: John R. [Signature]
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Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets, and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action:

During March, 1967, Birmingham made available to various FBI Field Offices having an interest in this matter information relative to telephone calls reportedly placed by ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, Inc., KKKK, which telephone calls were reportedly placed during the period 12/3-31/66. During the current reporting period, various field offices have had this information available for use in regard to captioned matter and other cases pending and/or of interest to their particular offices. It is believed that some of the information made available in the LHM submitted by Birmingham to the Bureau and the interested field offices has been and probably is being used at the present time in regard to instant matter.

During April, 1967, with prior Bureau authority, Birmingham made available to certain selected news media sources of the Birmingham Office an editorial highly critical of the Klan. This editorial was captioned "We Don't Need Them" and was made available to the selected officials of leading newspapers in the Birmingham Office on a highly confidential basis.

During April, 1967, the Birmingham office also made available to certain selected officials of leading newspapers of the Birmingham Division area copies of another article highly critical of the Klan. Prior Bureau authority was also obtained in regard to this situation and as the Bureau is aware, the article involved was captioned "Kluxer's Logic Impossible". As the Bureau

[REDACTED] is aware, the articles mentioned in this paragraph and the preceding paragraph were made available to the selected officials of the leading newspapers of the Birmingham area for such action, use and/or publication and distribution as they might think appropriate and suitable.

During the current reporting period, Birmingham has continued to maintain contact with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Birmingham, Alabama, who in the past has cooperated with the Birmingham office of the FBI on a confidential basis [REDACTED] continues to keep the Bureau interest in such matter as mentioned in the two preceding paragraphs confidential and keeps the Bureau's contacts with him in strict confidence. [REDACTED] has made known that he remains alert for any situation in which he can assist the Bureau.

At the request of the Birmingham office, the Bureau by letter dated 4/14/67 furnished Birmingham with 50 copies each of two cartoons requested by Birmingham. The Bureau's enclosure letter granted Birmingham authority to anonymously mail these cartoons to selected UKA members. Birmingham, at various times, and from different locations within the Birmingham Division has mailed some of these cartoons to various UKA members and/or officials. The mailing of these cartoons has been carried out over a period of time and only a very small number of the cartoons have been mailed from any one mailing station and only a few cartoons have been mailed on the same date.

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By letter dated 4/20/67, the Bureau authorized the Birmingham office to make a pretext telephone call to the residence of ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA. Birmingham, by letter dated 3/29/67, had requested authority of the Bureau to make the pretext telephone call; and this call was made by Birmingham in order to cause suspicion in the mind of ROBERT SHELTON concerning [REDACTED]. Birmingham, by letter dated 3/29/67, set forth complete details concerning this situation on which the Bureau authorized Birmingham to make the call.

(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham has also previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counter-intelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

By airtels dated 6/14/67 and 6/16/67, Birmingham made available to the Bureau and certain interested offices information furnished to the Tuscaloosa Resident Agency of the Birmingham FBI Office by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, [REDACTED] of the UKA, at the time they visited the Tuscaloosa Resident Agency on 6/14/67.

As the Bureau is aware, ROBERT SHELTON, [REDACTED] and various high-ranking officers of the UKA, have by their actions openly shown that they are greatly concerned in regard to certain activities of the FBI in regard to the matters mentioned in the preceding paragraph of this communication.

DIRECTOR, FBI (174-223)
(157-9-4)

5/20/67

AC, BIRMINGHAM (174-56) (P)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT E. SHELTON)

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 3/30/67.

This is to advise that recent contacts with

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[REDACTED], Birmingham, have determined that he does not have any additional toll call information available as yet concerning captioned matters. Referenced airtel set forth the problems and circumstances involved in instant matters.

As soon as additional information is furnished in regard to these cases by [REDACTED] or other appropriate officials, the results will be furnished the Bureau and interested offices.

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Mr. C. A. DeBruler, FBI (274-50)

Mr. Carville
(274-270)

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D. J. Kiger
C. A. DeBruler
W. G. Carville

The reference is made to Birmingham letter to the Bureau, Charlotte, and Atlanta, 5/11/67, submitted under captions "CHARBONE" and "RECONVENTIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM; INTERNAL SECURITY, DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS, (SUBJECT MR. SHELTON)." *

It is found from a review of toll records submitted by Birmingham and Charlotte concerning calls placed by Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the KKK, Inc., Atlanta, that all information of possible assistance to the Bureau has been obtained and furnished to the Department and that additional sources cannot logically be expected to be of further assistance in this investigation.

Birmingham and Charlotte discontinue further efforts to obtain toll records from Shelton's phone. Instructions in this airtel pertain only to Birmingham and in no way pertain to existing instructions in connection with the counterintelligence program.

Mr. Carville, Atlanta (274-1114)

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NOTE:

CHARBOM is the case involving the bombings of the homes of four Negro leaders in Charlotte, N. C., 11/22/65, together with 15 other incidents of racial violence. Department is currently determining what, if any, Federal action will be taken in this matter.

In February, 1967, John Doar requested toll and wats line information concerning calls made by Shelton to N. C. in an apparent effort to invoke the immunity provisions concerning interstate telephone calls. This would have enabled the Department to obtain testimony by giving immunity to certain Klansmen and force them to testify before a Federal Grand Jury which might be called to consider this case. This information has been obtained by Birmingham and Charlotte and furnished to the Department for the entire period covering the CHARBOM investigation. No information was obtained linking any of the calls with incidents investigated in connection with CHARBOM. It would not appear that any calls by Shelton subsequent to CHARBOM could be of assistance.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI .(157-9-4)

DATE: 8/3/67

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(JAMES H. SPEARS)

Re Birmingham letter, 3/29/67, and Bureau letter,
4/20/67.

Referenced Birmingham letter requested authority to make a pretext telephone call to the residence phone of ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), in order to cast suspicion on [REDACTED] UKA.

Referenced Bureau letter granted authority to make this call and directed that any tangible results should be furnished the Bureau.

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This is to advise that the following questionable conduct of [REDACTED] could possibly be a result of the action taken in regard to the matter set forth in referenced communication:

Birmingham informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that [REDACTED] "talks crazier and crazier" all of the time. This informant stated that [REDACTED] acts like a mental case sometimes and appears to be mad with everyone and everything one day and the next day he is happy again. The informant also stated that [REDACTED] sometimes talks about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also, according to this informant, thinks that the FBI is following him all of the time and constantly "looks around behind him."

[REDACTED] has also stated that [REDACTED] is "going crazy" trying to find out "who the FBI informers are." This informant also stated that

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[REDACTED] "one week suspects one Klansman," then the next week
"gets someone else."

b7c As mentioned above, this questionable conduct of [REDACTED] may be directly related to the action taken in regard to the pretext telephone call and possibly inquiries made by Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON [REDACTED], UKA, of [REDACTED] concerning his finances and/or other business activities.

Birmingham will furnish Bureau any additional information believed to be related to instant matter, should such be obtained in the future.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF RACE GROUPS

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 7/1/67.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three-month period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

In the recent past and at the present time, a considerable amount of time has been and is being devoted to the gathering of information concerning a firm located in Birmingham, Alabama. This firm is known as Security Engineers, Incorporated, and the main office is located in the Woodward Building in downtown Birmingham. As the Bureau is aware, this firm reportedly gives polygraph tests to various individuals, and information has been received by the Bureau to the effect that the newly elected members of the Imperial Board of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), might be subjected to polygraph examinations, and that this firm, Security Engineers, Incorporated, might be hired to give such examinations to members of the Imperial Board and for other members of captioned group. Birmingham is continuing to gather information in regard to this company and its officers and employees with the thought in mind that counterintelligence action may be taken, with Bureau approval, in some manner in regard to the UKA.

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Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets, and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

During the current reporting period, Birmingham, with prior Bureau authority, mailed cartoons to selected UKA members. The mailing of these cartoons has been carried out over a period of time, and as previously pointed out to the Bureau, only a very small number of the cartoons have been mailed from any one mailing station, and only a few cartoons have been mailed on the same date.

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As mentioned in Paragraph (1), above, counter-intelligence activity in regard to the UKA concerning the possible employment of Security Engineers, Incorporated, to give polygraph examinations to UKA officials and/or UKA members, is pending further developments in this matter, and the decision of the Bureau as to what action should be taken concerning contacts with officials of Security Engineers, Incorporated.

(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham has also previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

It is also quite apparent, in the opinion of Birmingham, that ROBERT SHELTON, [REDACTED] and other high ranking officials of the UKA, are greatly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have immediate and/or advanced notice of any plans of any nature on the part of the UKA.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P) *ea*
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
ROBERT M. SHELTON *W.*

Re Bureau letters to Birmingham dated 12/6/67
are 4/12/67, and Birmingham letter to Bureau dated
3/23/67. *P*

Referenced Bureau letter of 12/6/67 requested
tangible results of Counterintelligence Program against
ROBERT M. SHELTON as involved in referenced communication.

Referenced Bureau letter of 4/12/67 granted
authority to the Birmingham Office to furnish on a
confidential basis copies of the article "Kluxer's Logic
Impossible" which appeared in the "Tampa Times," Tampa,
Florida, to three selected officials of leading newspapers
in the Birmingham Division.

This is to advise that on the basis of Bureau
authorization above-mentioned, a copy of the article
was furnished to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and a copy was also furnished to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] "Huntsville News," Huntsville, Alabama.
A copy of this article was not furnished to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] "Tuscaloosa News," Tuscaloosa, Alabama, due to
the fact that a \$500,000.00 libel suit had been filed

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against the "Tuscaloosa News" and its [REDACTED] by ROBERT SHELTON. This case was then and is still pending in the Tuscaloosa Circuit Court, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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As of this date, copies of the above-mentioned article have not been reprinted in either the "Birmingham News" or the "Huntsville News." Birmingham is following this matter and will furnish the Bureau with any use of the newspaper article and/or other tangible results received concerning the matter discussed in referenced communications.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 12/29/67

FROM : ASAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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ReBHairtel to Bureau, 10/2/67.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three-months period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

By letter dated 10/3/67, the Bureau was furnished considerable information in regard to the Birmingham firm of Security Engineers, Inc.; this was in regard to the possibility that this firm might be employed to give polygraph tests to the new Imperial Officers of the UKA. However, as was pointed out in this letter, ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, [REDACTED] has at least temporarily decided

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against giving the polygraph tests. This situation was dealt with fully in BHlet to Bureau; however, should any further action be taken by ROBERT SHELTON or the UKA in regard to such polygraph tests, Birmingham will attempt [redacted] and counterintelligence techniques concerning same to neutralize or prevent the successful use of such polygraph tests.

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By letter dated 12/19/67, the Birmingham Office submitted a potential counterintelligence action situation in regard to the program or plan of the North Carolina State Office of the UKA to use a drawing in order to raise defense funds for eleven defendants (North Carolina UKA members) who had been charged by a North Carolina Grand Jury with conspiring to violate the civil rights of others. It is felt that the use of the mails and the plan of the UKA as set forth in the letter of 12/19/67, lends itself to potential counterintelligence activity and may amount to a situation where the drawing or program will be in violation of the Interstate Transportation of Wagering Paraphernalia (ITWP) or lottery violation.

By letter dated 12/13/67, Birmingham made known to the Bureau that potential counterintelligence action is still under consideration in regard to the publication in certain newspapers within the Birmingham Division of articles derogatory of the UKA and this letter set forth specific details in regard to this counterintelligence situation.

At the present time the Birmingham Office is in the process of submitting a potential counterintelligence situation and request to the Bureau concerning the possibility of the Birmingham Office making available to a reliable and trustworthy official of the "Birmingham News", Birmingham, Alabama, newspaper, a copy of the latest HCUA report released on 12/11/67, in regard to the Klan hearings held in Washington by the HCUA Committee.

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(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

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(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham has also previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered

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to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

It is also quite apparent, in the opinion of Birmingham, that ROBERT SHELTON [REDACTED] and other high ranking officials of the UKA, are greatly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have immediate and/or advanced notice of any plans of any nature on the part of the UKA.

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Date: 12/6/67

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI
From: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (P)
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AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA:

- 1^c (1) Immediately provide the Bureau and Birmingham with any background information on [REDACTED] and any information available in Bureau files about his being involved in the sale of illegal drugs.

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Via AIRMAIL

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To: Director, FBI (157-370) (157-9-4)
Agent, SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (105-722)

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Re Columbia airtel to the Bureau with copies "to Birmingham and Charlotte dated 12/14/67 and captioned, UNITED MEANS OF AMERICA, INC., KKK, EX - KLAN."

Bairtel enclosed to the Bureau, Charlotte and Birmingham a copy of a one page letter entitled, "United Means of America, Realm of North Carolina, Defense Fund, December 7, 1967." Bairtel also stated that the above-mentioned one page letter was sent to CO 44-E from the FBI Imperial Office.

The enclosure to Bairtel reflects that after much thought and consideration, the "North Carolina State League, with approval of Imperial Office," was offering the "following program" in order to raise a defense fund for its dependents (North Carolina KKK members) who have been charged by a North Carolina Grand Jury with conspiring to violate the civil rights of others. This enclosure to Bairtel gives complete details in regard to the indictment of the specifically named KKK members and sets forth the manner in which various individuals or KKK units may participate in this fund raising endeavor. This enclosure points out that for each \$100 donation any unit or individual will receive by return mail one half of a ticket, the other half of which will be placed in a capsule and then into a container. It is stated that on 2/3/68 a banquet and

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drawing would be held in Salisbury, North Carolina, and that each participating individual or Unit selected representatives and spouses would be entitled to a free meal. It was also stated that these capsules would be drawn one at a time and each recipient, whether a Unit or individual, would receive a gift with the recipient in the last capsule drawn from the container" to receive a donation of \$3,000. It was also stated that all checks of \$100 donations must be made out to the United Klans of America Defense Fund of North Carolina and mailed to United Klans of America, P. O. Box 321, Granite Quarry, North Carolina 28041.

Birmingham presents the above-mentioned situation to the Bureau for consideration in regard to captioned matters with the thought in mind that such a drawing or program might be in violation of the interstate transportation of wagering paraphernalia (KWP) or amount to the operation of a lottery.

The Bureau is requested to consider the desirability of discussing the UKA program or drawing involved with the Department of Justice and to advise Birmingham, Charlotte and Columbia what action, if any, is desired by the Bureau in this matter.

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S. McLean
This letter
by the author
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and envelope
from office
Date 1/20/67
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29) *b7c b7d*

DATE: 1/9/68

FROM :

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT:

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

Re WFO letter to Bureau, 12/14/67, captioned
"HCUA Hearing, RM - KLAN".

Referenced communication enclosed for the Bureau, Birmingham and other offices copies of the HCUA Report, captioned "The Present-Day Ku Klux Klan Movement" released 12/11/67.

Birmingham is of the opinion that the above-mentioned HCUA Report contains an exceedingly large amount of information that might be used in regard to captioned matter if made available to reliable news media. It is also felt that the Bureau probably has presently available some articles for news release material extracted from the above-mentioned HCUA Report which has been or will be made available to reliable, confidential officials of leading newspapers throughout the United States.

In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to authorize Birmingham to take one of the following courses of action:

- 1) On a highly confidential basis, to contact [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and to make available to him the above-mentioned copy of the HCUA Report for a period of time, with the understanding that the report would be returned to the Birmingham Office of the FBI by him after it had served its purpose. [REDACTED] is an SAC contact of the Birmingham Office and is completely

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reliable and will, when requested to do so, keep the Bureau's interest in this matter in the strictest confidence. [REDACTED] b7c b7D
will be requested to check into the matter in order to determine whether he or some employee associated with their newspaper would be interested in preparing one or more editorials or articles concerning information set out in the HCUA Report.

- 2) To furnish Birmingham any articles or editorials prepared in regard to information set out in the HCUA Report, with authority to make such editorials available to reliable and confidential newspaper officials within the Birmingham Division.

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-9-29)

1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

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INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

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Bureau authority is granted for your office to make available to [REDACTED] a copy of the recently published House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Report on the Ku Klux Klan for the purpose of preparing one or more editorials critical of the Klan.

For your information, the HCUA Report is a matter of public record and is available to the public.

For your additional information, the Bureau does not have available any prepared editorials to be made available to you for this purpose. However, you are encouraged to enlist the aid of reliable news media sources within your division in order to have them prepare articles critical of the Klan based on the HCUA Report.

Your interest in submitting this suggestion is appreciated. Insure that Bureau interests are protected and advise of any tangible results..

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Birmingham requested authority to make available to [REDACTED] SAC contact and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a copy of the recently-published HCUA Report regarding the Ku Klux Klan for the purpose of having editorials critical of the Klan prepared and published by his paper. Birmingham also requested copies of any editorials already prepared by the Bureau to be made available to reliable news media sources. None are available at the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ReBuairtels, 4/28/66 and 6/10/66, captioned as
above.

Referenced airtel dated 4/28/66 advised that three different postal cards were being mailed to Birmingham to be used by the Birmingham office anonymously and this communication gave specific instructions in regard to the use of the post cards by the Birmingham office. As pointed out in referenced airtel dated 6/10/66 in paragraph 1, one of the cards contained the comment "Klansmen-Trying to Hide Your Identity Behind Your Sheet? etc.,". This airtel, in paragraph 2, pointed out that a second of the above-mentioned card bore the legend "Which Klan Leaders Are Spending Your Money Tonight?".

Birmingham requests the Bureau to send this office, if available, one hundred copies of each of the above two specifically described postcards. Birmingham feels that these cards may be used to great advantage by the Birmingham office and Birmingham requests Bureau authority to anonymously mail these postcards to known Klansmen within the Birmingham Division. If authorized to send such postcards, Birmingham will send the postcards in accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in referenced communication.

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-635)
From: Director, FBI (157-9-)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
FBI-C. INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISPUTED OR MAIL GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

ReBull. del 2/13/68 captioned "United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Racial Matters (Klan)" which contained information concerning the possible use of sodium pentothal.

In the past several months, Tobey Shelton has talked about the use of sodium pentothal. To date there is no evidence that this drug has been utilized. We have information indicating that he has told klansmen to say that they have been given this drug when, in fact, they have not.

This situation could become serious if Shelton persists in his plans and our whole klan informant program could be jeopardized.

The Birmingham Office is requested to review this overall situation and forward to the Bureau some concrete proposal or procedure which would be aimed at deterring Shelton once and for all. In this connection, your office might be able to utilize a friendly newspaper source to contact Shelton regarding

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the possible use of sodium pentothal. This information has received publicity in the past; however, a direct interview by a newspaper reporter who could sound out Shelton on this subject would point out the dangers of utilizing sodium pentothal might force Shelton's hand and dissuade him from his plans to utilize the drug. If the reporter would publish his interview with Shelton, we might have our informants follow up on this with Shelton and point out that there has been entirely too much publicity on this matter and that Shelton should be held to his plans. The big thing to be emphasized, of course, is the health hazard.

To other officers receiving this airtel have any observations in this matter, these are solicited by the Bureau.

MEMO:

Robert Shelton, Grand Dragon of the KKK, has threatened on various occasions to use the truth drug, sodium pentothal, on klansmen in an effort to ferret out Bureau informants. This could seriously affect our informant coverage. Effective counterintelligence measures are being sought in an effort to end this threat once and for all.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-29)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
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(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

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Birmingham feels that the time may be right for the various offices participating in captioned program to allow their informants to sow seeds of discontent within their local units or state units of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, concerning the activities and finances of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and several other Imperial Officers of the UKA.

As the Bureau is aware, Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON drives a late model Chrysler Imperial automobile and resides in a private residence valued in the 20 to 30 thousand dollar bracket.

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SHELTON, and [REDACTED] SHELTON's. It is also known that Mrs. ROBERT SHELTON [REDACTED] full-time employees of the Imperial Office of the UKA in Northport, Alabama, and the Imperial Office of the UKA is located in the SHELTON residence. It is also general knowledge that the Imperial Office of the UKA now, along with [REDACTED] owns an expensive plane which they use quite regularly to fly to various places throughout the U. S. on UKA business, presumably, but it is also to be noted and hinted by informants that numerous of these trips have been made to various places throughout the State of Florida, and on some of these occasions spouses of some of the Imperial Officers have gone on what could be considered semipleasure trips. It is also to be noted that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] both are full-time employees of the Imperial Office of the UKA and reside in residences provided by and paid for out of funds taken in by the Imperial Office of the UKA. It is also known that the various units of the UKA

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in the State of Alabama have been called upon to contribute to the purchase of a late model Buick automobile for ██████████, and he has been driving this automobile for several months.

Birmingham also feels that several other state units of the UKA have similar situations wherein the State Officials of the UKA might have placed themselves in a position to be criticized as taking advantage of their positions in the UKA for financial gain, such as owning expensive late model cars or expensive homes, and, therefore, might be vulnerable to the criticism of living "high on the hog."

Birmingham feels that, should the Bureau concur with the above-mentioned approach to this counterintelligence situation, the Bureau could authorize the various offices taking part in captioned program to request authority of the Bureau to proceed in a manner best suited to their local situations in regard to taking advantage of this matter. Birmingham also wishes to point out that, as Birmingham has made known to the Bureau and other offices concerned with UKA activities, the Imperial Office of the UKA has been devoting a great deal of time, money and energy to money-making propositions in regard to the printing of brochures, leaflets, bumper stickers, and decals, which are being prepared for the sale by various states, UKA Units, in regard to political campaigns in different sections of the United States. It is also felt by Birmingham that the Bureau might authorize the various FBI Field Offices taking part in this program to make subtle statements or hints insinuating that the present Imperial Officers of the UKA seem to have gone to making the UKA merely a means of providing themselves with jobs wherein they receive great financial gains, and have lost sight of the real goal or true aim for which the UKA was founded. It is felt that many informants would not have to make direct accusations in regard to any of the above-mentioned situations, but just ask if certain situations were not so, or why should the above-mentioned Imperial Officers of the UKA reap all of the benefits.

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Birmingham will await Bureau authority
before taking any action in regard to the above-mentioned
suggestion.

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1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)

ReBillet to Director 3/12/68 in captioned matter
and Bullet 3/28/68 captioned "Counterintelligence Program,
Racial Intelligence Section, Disruption of Hate Groups,
(United Klans of America, Inc.)."

The suggestion proposed by Birmingham in
above-referenced letter 3/12/68 is appreciated. Its
purpose is similar to that of the counterintelligence
proposal which was approved in relet 3/28/68. Accordingly,
the Bureau does not believe that the proposal set forth in
bullet 3/12/68 should be approved at this time. If future
developments indicate it should be considered, submit
appropriate recommendations.

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NOTE:

Birmingham, which is office of origin in the matter
involving the United Klans of America, Inc., has proposed that
we use informants to spread the word that Klan leaders are
living "high on the hog." Through an anonymous mailing which
was approved in Bullet 3/28/68, we hope to accomplish the same
objective. Hence, no action is believed warranted on proposal
in reBillet at this time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

ReBuairtel, 3/7/68.

As instructed in reBuairtel, Birmingham is reviewing the overall situation in regard to ROBERT SHELTON's remarks concerning plans to use sodium pentothal on officers and/or members of the UKA, INC., KKKK.

As soon as possible, Birmingham will submit its recommendations or proposals as to what steps should be taken in this matter.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

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RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

ReBuairtel to Birmingham, 3/7/68, concerning the possible use of sodium pentothal by Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON.

In connection with the proposals which may be submitted aimed at deterring SHELTON in his use of sodium pentothal, Charlotte is making the following observations:

In the event that friendly press contacts are used to publicize SHELTON's intention to administer sodium pentothal to various Klansmen, it is felt that following this publicity discreet contacts could possibly be made with the state medical boards in the various areas involved to determine the possibility of the various state medical boards publicly taking the position that a physician administering sodium pentothal under the circumstances and for the purposes advocated by SHELTON would be guilty of an unethical practice of medicine. The possibility that the administering physician might also be subject to various state and local criminal action for the administering of this drug under these circumstances and for the purposes desired by SHELTON could also be publicized by the state medical boards.

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It is felt that if such action could be accomplished SHELTON would have difficulty in obtaining the services of a physician, which could then be utilized by the various informants to refuse such injection by an unqualified person.

Should this situation develop it is felt that SHELTON would be placed in a position where he may not be able to obtain the services of a physician and similarly would not want to administer the drug without the services of a qualified person.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANNS OF AMERICA, INC.)

Re Bureau airtel dated 3/7/68.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in referenced communication, Birmingham here-with makes the following observations and proposals aimed at deterring SHELTON from further consideration of the use of sodium pentothal (truth serum).

As pointed out in referenced Bureau airtel, ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, for the past several months has talked about the possible use of sodium pentothal. It was also noted that no evidence has been received that this drug had been used on any Klansmen at any time.

[REDACTED] b1D
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] are of the opinion that SHELTON has either completely discarded the plan for the use of truth serum or has shelved any active steps toward putting such a plan into effect.

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One of the above informants advised that the Louisiana doctor whom SHELTON had planned to use to administer the truth serum, namely on [REDACTED] Louisiana, reportedly continues ill and not in a position to do anything in regard to this project.

Both above mentioned informants have also expressed themselves as being of the opinion that any current contacts with SHELTON, by anyone, concerning plans for the use of the truth serum by the UKA would only awaken a "sleeping dog", and would be unwise in their opinion.

Should the Bureau desire to take affirmative action at this time to resolve the truth serum situation, Birmingham submits the following proposals in the order of Birmingham's preference concerning these proposals. Birmingham feels that many Bureau informants will learn of this as proposed hereinafter, and be in a position to express their opinion concerning the effect of publicity concerning the truth serum situation on the good of the Klan.

PLAN ONE

Prepare and send a letter to all Imperial Officers of the UKA, all Grand Dragons of the UKA, and such other UKA State Officials as various FBI Field Offices may recommend. The letter to be prepared on paper and sent in envelopes which cannot be traced to the FBI. The letter to be sent either anonymously or mailed from Atlanta, Georgia, as though sent out by JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, who is known to be greatly interested in getting all UKA Klaverns, members, and State UKA organizations to switch over to the NKKKK.

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The proposed letter could be set up as follows:

IMPERIAL WIZARD ROBERT SHELTON,
UNITED KLANNS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
THREATENS USE OF TRUTH SERUM,
WHICH MAY ENDANGER THEIR LIVES,
ON ALL KLAN OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Do you want to belong to the UKA or any Klan group that would risk your life or health just because they do not trust you? Is it worth it?

Information has been received that Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON in late 1967 announced that Imperial Officers, State Officers, and some Exalted Cyclops of klaverns in the UKA, would be given a sodium pentothal drug to test them. This sodium pentothal is known as a truth serum and SHELTON threatens its use on any and all persons associated with the UKA.

It is entirely possible that persons being subjected to injections of sodium pentothal could suffer serious effects or die as a result of taking the drug.

A prominent medical authority has furnished the following concerning the drug, sodium pentothal:

Sodium pentothal is a drug used as an anesthetic and usually requires the services of several people to administer. It cannot be used with any degree of safety outside the facilities of a medical establishment. It is possible for one person to administer such a drug, but in so doing, he may place the patient's life in jeopardy. This drug is a depressant and consequently any stimulant would in some way counteract or change the effect of the drug. The excessive use of any stimulant by a patient may in some way jeopardize his life, since a doctor administering sodium pentothal might not realize the extent of stimulants, other drugs, or other substances taken by the patient, and consequently the doctor could give a lethal dose of sodium

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pentothal to such a patient in an effort to obtain a desired response. The drug has been used in a great many instances as an anesthetic, however, it is never given to a patient who has a history of either rectal bleeding, nose bleeding, or is suffering from any other type of ulcerated condition. It was further stated that sodium pentothal is a dangerous drug to administer to any ulcer history patient since it could likewise jeopardize the patient's life. It was also stated that the drug could be effective, however, it is usually a hit or miss proposition when used in regard to its effect as a truth serum.

What kind of a Klan is the UKA if its leaders have to or are willing to, risk the lives of its leaders and members just because of the whim or fear or distrust of its leader?

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
JAMES VENABLE, IMPERIAL WIZARD
TUCKER, GEORGIA 30084

Should this plan be approved, Birmingham requests the Bureau to notify participating offices to furnish Birmingham with pertinent names, official positions and mailing addresses of persons to whom the above letter should be sent.

PLAN TWO

Birmingham suggests that Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON of the UKA might be impressed more forcibly by a contact concerning the possible use of the truth serum from some syndicated columnist rather than from a friendly Birmingham newspaper source.

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Should the Bureau know of a cooperative and trustworthy syndicated columnist, Birmingham suggests that information from the proposed letter set out under Plan One above, be furnished him with appropriate instructions and any other pertinent data available to the Bureau.

PLAN THREE

Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham to utilize a friendly newspaper source to contact SHELTON regarding his possible use of sodium pentothal. If directed to do so, Birmingham will contact a reliable newspaper source and request his cooperation in this matter along the lines set forth in referenced Bureau communication. If authorized by the Bureau, Birmingham would also furnish this newspaper source with information from the proposed letter set out under Plan One above with the request that this source attempt to stress the health hazard involved in this matter to Imperial Wizard SHELTON.

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

March 19, 1968

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1 - Mr. Marion

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANZ OF AMERICA, INC.)

ReBHairstel 3/13/68 and CEairtel 3/15/68.

The suggestions as presented by Birmingham and Charlotte in above-referenced communications are appreciated and well presented. It is felt that the most desirable course of action in this instance is to refrain from specific counterintelligence activity until Robert Shelton again brings up the use of sodium pentothal (truth serum) in his klan activity.

Offices receiving this communication should be alert for any indication that Shelton once again brings up the matter of truth serum. The Bureau should be advised and consideration will then be given to one of the three plans submitted by Birmingham.

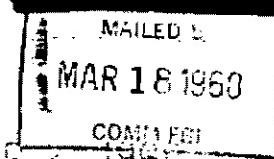
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NOTE: Robert Shelton, head of the United Klans of America (UKA), Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, has on various occasions in the past attempted to instill fear within UKA circles by threatening the use of sodium pentothal (truth serum). *[REDACTED]* that the use of

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS, (UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

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this threat has died down and counterintelligence activity
might waken this "sleeping dog." If Shelton brings this
matter up again we will consider various counterintelligence
plans to end the threat once and for all.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 3/27/68

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-335)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF RACE GROUPS
(UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC.)

Birmingham suggests that the Bureau make available to some syndicated columnist a copy of the proposed article as prepared by Birmingham and set out below. Birmingham feels that the publication of such an article would probably have great disruptive effect in several states upon the success of the UKA to operate under the secrecy of the "Action-By-Citizens" Committee as detailed in the proposed letter which is set out as follows:

UKA HIDES BEHIND SHEETS

The United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan ~~UKA~~ hides behind its sheets in an attempt to avoid it becoming known that the UKA is backing the "Action-By-Citizens" (ABC) Committee.

In the State of Virginia the UKA is very active in behalf of the political candidacy of former Alabama Governor who is running for President of the United States. The ABC Committee was formed by the UKA to assist Wallace in his campaign. however, do not forget that this is really a "money-making endeavor".

Since the ABC Committee is attempting to become active in many states, including Virginia, numerous "unsuspecting non-UKA members" may sign petitions, buy equipment or give contributions to the ABC Committee and by so doing, will be helping the UKA.

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"The Fiery Cross", UKA magazine, Volume III, Edition 3, dated March, 1968, on its cover carries a fullface photograph of former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace. Most of the articles in this issue are devoted to helping Wallace in his presidential campaign.

All readers should take note of the fact that pages 19, 20, 21 and 22 of the above mentioned issue of "The Fiery Cross" are devoted to efforts of the UKA to advertise for sale car bumper plates, stickers, hate records, pictures, decals, buttons, books and pamphlets.

May the innocent take note and beware of being trapped into being used by the UKA hiding under its sheet.

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

Reurlet 3/27/68.

Since George C. Wallace is a Presidential candidate, there are political implications involved in your counterintelligence proposal. In view of this and since Klan support of Wallace is publicly known, the Bureau does not believe that your proposal should be approved. Data being developed by your office and other offices regarding the Action By Citizens Committee is being disseminated to interested United States Government agencies.

Your continuing interest in the Counterintelligence Program directed against the United Klans of America, Inc. is appreciated.

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NOTE:

See cover memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, captioned same as above, dated 4/3/68, prepared by JJD:ebb.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (257-9-41)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM,
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

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The Bureau is herewith being furnished with sufficient information copies of this airtel for future sending by the Bureau to all auxiliary offices having an interest in the UKA, due to their possible involvement in this matter.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Birmingham has recently (timely) received information indicating increased dissatisfaction on the part of some members of the UKA. This, after reports by Agent ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, indicates the organization. Birmingham has privacy information that at present, at the National Headquarters of the UKA, the leaders are living off of or being financed by persons coming from the Imperial Office of the USA.

The operation of the National Office of the UKA amounts to the operation of a small town for the families working in this office in Northport, Alabama. It is known that North Carolina and several other states send large sums of money to the UKA National Headquarters. It is also known that JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, of which the Atlanta Office is a branch in Georgia, would like to alienate as many UKA members and UKA followers as possible and have them join the NKK. *J. D. Shultz Knights of Ku Klux Klan*

In view of the above, Birmingham suggests the Bureau authorize the preparation of a short letter which might read as set out below, and which might be prepared on paper that could not be traced to the Bureau. It is also suggested that the mailing should be done from Atlanta, Georgia, since the National Office of the UKA is located there. Should the Bureau approve the sending of this type letter, Birmingham suggests the Bureau request Agent ROBERT SHELTON to cooperate in having such a letter sent to any member or follower of the Klan to promptly submit detailed data as to members, their addresses and prospective recipients. This data can be given to either Agent BROWN or Mr. Atlanta, as the Bureau deems fit, for the preparation and handling of this project.

The project will be conducted as follows:

1. Agent ROBERT SHELTON will
submit the following data:
Name, address, telephone number,
and other pertinent data of the
UKA members.

2. Agent ROBERT SHELTON will
families of the Imperial Knights

3. Agent ROBERT SHELTON will
be in touch with fine

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home, cars, a private airplane and paid trips (vacations) to many places - mainly, Florida?

Have you ever asked about the fact there are four (4) families and six (6) dependents of these families living off of funds sent in by a small number of members to the Imperial Office of the UKA? Question is, that a complaint is made that funds at the National Office of the UKA are depleted and contributions are needed from USA UKA units. What else would you expect?

[REDACTED] ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, resides with his wife in a residence valued at over \$20,000. SHELTON drives a late model Imperial automobile. SHELTON and his wife are full-time residents of the Imperial Office of the UKA.

[REDACTED] At present, there are two (2) other full-time paid employees of the National Office of the UKA in Northport, Alabama. The Imperial Officers of the UKA in Northport have their own private flying plane, which SHELTON, [REDACTED] and the UKA pilot of this plane, do not travel about the United States. The other full-time employee of the UKA in Northport, Alabama, does the purchasing work. It would also interest you to know that fairly recently the UKA, Branch of Alabama, was called upon to purchase a new [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Alabama, and he was furnished a late model Buick automobile.

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Did you know that the UKA has a branch in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where SHELTON and [REDACTED] continue to live, is almost inactive and yet, this KLAN is in control of the National Headquarters of the UKA. Did you know that UKA branches in Birmingham, Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and other places in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi are inactive?

[REDACTED] And you know that the UKA has a branch in South Carolina, of the UKA. This branch is controlled by the members themselves and sends in the amount of \$100.00 per month to SHELTON and their group of the UKA. This branch is the largest unit of those arriving flying in from all over the country to the State of Florida - executives and members of the UKA - come.

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suggest anything to you?

National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.,
JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard,
Atlanta, Georgia 30364

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1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

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AC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4-124)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

ReBMAirtel 3/11/68 captioned as above. Enclosed for each office with the exception of Birmingham, are two copies of referenced communication.

The suggestion by Birmingham set forth in referenced airtel is well founded and most appreciated. The Bureau is of the opinion that at this time, we should not identify the alleged sender of the letter. The struggle by Robert Shelton to identify the sender will cause as much trouble and consternation as the letter itself. In addition, the proposed letter has been shortened slightly in respect to specific allegations. It is believed that the communication should at this point be quite general in nature.

Authority is granted for Birmingham to utilize its proposal. The letter should read as follows:

"HISTORY OF THE TRUE EMPIRE
OF ROBERT SHELTON, IMPERIAL
WIZARD OF THE UNITED KLANS OF
AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN

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What is the UKA doing other than supporting the families of its Imperial Officers and providing them with fine homes, automobiles, a private airplane, and paid vacations to Florida?

- 1 - Atlanta (Enclosures - 2)
- 1 - Charlotte (Enclosures - 2)
- 2 - Jackson (Enclosures - 2)
- 2 - Miami (Enclosures - 2)
- 2 - New York (Enclosures - 2)

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FE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-41

Did you know that there are four families living off of funds sent in by you and other UKA members to the Imperial Office? How many times have you heard that funds at the National Office are depleted and contributions are needed from all units? What else would you expect?

Robert Shelton, your Imperial Wizard, lives with his wife and children in a house valued at over \$20,000. He drives a late-model Chrysler Imperial. He and his wife are full-time, paid employees of the Imperial Office.

[REDACTED] At this time, there are two other full-time, paid employees of the National Office in Northport, Alabama. The Imperial Officers have their own private airplane which Shelton and [REDACTED] use to travel about the United States. It is interesting to note that this airplane manages to wind up in Florida several times each winter. It should interest you to know that a short time ago the Realm of Alabama was called upon to purchase a late-model Buick for [REDACTED]

Did you know that the UKA Klavern at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where Shelton and [REDACTED] sometimes attend meetings is almost inactive and yet is very near National Headquarters? Did you know that many of the klaverns in Alabama have folded up and are inactive?

Did you know that even though the Realm of North Carolina sends in the most money of any state, Shelton, [REDACTED] and the airplane never seem to spend time in North Carolina but are usually to be found along the beaches of Florida, sometimes with their families? Does any of this suggest anything to you? Isn't it about time to sit down and think of what is going on? The Klan under Shelton and His gang has withered and is about to die. Many of its most valuable leaders have quit in disgust. They have gone elsewhere to seek their place in the history books. Look

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RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-41

around you. There are others who have joined in our struggle for a free America. The UKA is doomed. Look around.

"The Pure Klan"

Charlotte, Jackson, Miami, and Richmond should furnish the Bureau, Atlanta, and Birmingham with a list of approximately ten names and addresses of pertinent klan leaders to whom this communication should be mailed. Birmingham should furnish the Bureau and Atlanta with a list of those persons residing within the Birmingham Division to whom this communication will be mailed. In furnishing the names, consider klan leaders, persons who have shown dissatisfaction with the UKA in the past, those who can be expected to furnish this information to Shelton, and those who are in a low-income bracket.

Atlanta should prepare the communication. A neutral stationery and commercially-purchased paper should be utilized. The communication should be mailed by Atlanta, within the City of Atlanta, and not from Tucker, Georgia, which is the home of James Venable. Atlanta should additionally furnish the Bureau and Birmingham with approximately ten names of persons as described above.

All offices receiving this communication should insure that Bureau interests are protected and strict security is maintained. Advise the Bureau and Birmingham of positive results achieved. If a positive response is noted, Birmingham and other offices should request additional dissemination of this material either within the field divisions or in offices not included in the initial mailing.

NOTE:

Birmingham has suggested an anonymous mailing of a letter to various klansmen pointing out the affluence of klan leaders. They wished to attribute this to James Venable, the leader of a rival group called the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, who is attempting continually to recruit

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Letter to SAC, Birmingham
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-41

NOTE CONTINUED:

UKA members. We are authorizing the proposal but do not feel that Venable should be specifically mentioned as the source at this time. Birmingham has stated that full security can be maintained. The anonymous mailing is being confined to six offices. If positive results ensue, additional mailings will be considered.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-41)

DATE: 4/3/68

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC.)

ReBulet, 3/28/68.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in relet, the following names, addresses and other data are being furnished the Bureau and Atlanta. This information is being sent for use by Atlanta in regard to the mailing of the letter authorized in reBulet.

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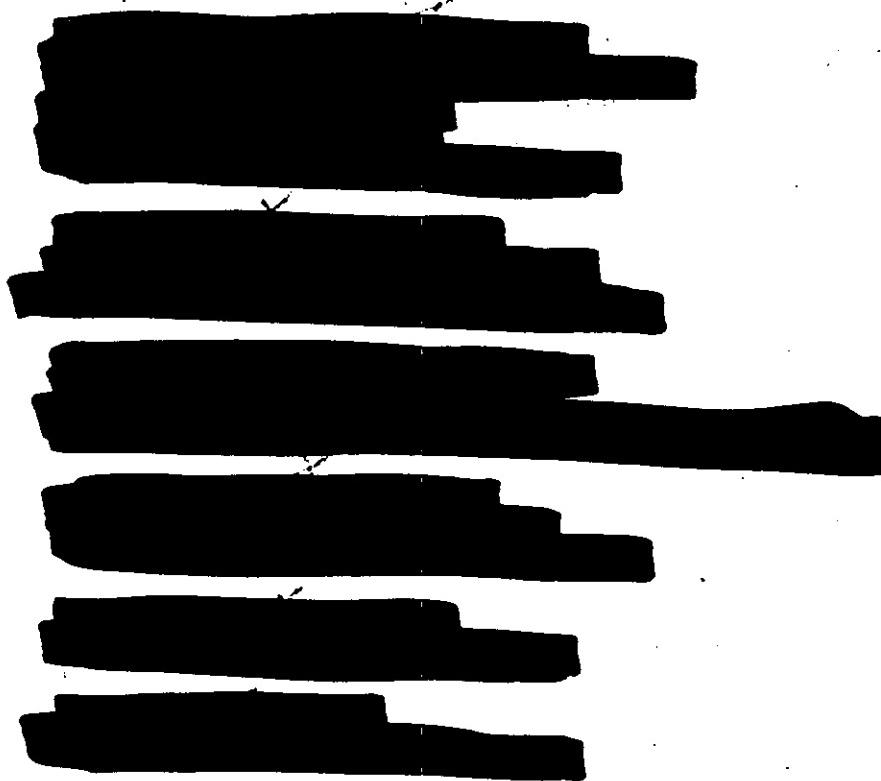


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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 4/3/68

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 12/29/67.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three-months period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

By airtel dated 3/11/68, Birmingham furnished the Bureau a copy of a proposed letter with the suggestion that such a letter be prepared and mailed anonymously to quite a number of officers and/or members of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), throughout the various states in which the UKA presently has State Units. This letter dealt with facts indicating that the operation of the

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RE: APR 4 1968



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National Office of the UKA in Northport, Alabama, amounted to the operation of a gold mine for the families of the Imperial Officers living in Northport, Alabama, and working in the Imperial Office in that area. This anonymous letter was prepared in a manner to indicate that the letter probably had been prepared by JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, with the thought in mind that greater animosity might be aroused between these two Klan organizations in addition to the discontent aroused among the various leaders and members of the UKA.

By letter dated 3/12/68, Birmingham suggested that the time might be right for various offices participating in the counterintelligence program to allow their informants to sow seeds of discontent within their local units or State Units of the UKA concerning the activities and finances of Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON of the UKA and several of the Imperial Officers of the UKA. In this letter, Birmingham furnished considerable details and specific information in regard to the somewhat expensive homes, automobiles, UKA plane, etc., of the Imperial Officers of the UKA residing in the Northport, Alabama area and operating the Imperial Office of the UKA as full-time paid employees of the UKA.

By airtel dated 3/13/68, Birmingham furnished the Bureau with three plans which might possibly be used by the Bureau to deter Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON, UKA, from further consideration on his part of the use of sodium pentothal (truth serum) on Imperial Officers and/or UKA members at any time or in any situation in regard to Shelton's effort to uncover the identity of any individual furnishing information to the FBI in regard to the UKA.)

By letter dated 3/27/68, Birmingham furnished the Bureau a proposed article captioned, "UKA Hides

"Behind Sheets", with the suggestion that this article might be made available to some syndicated columnists for publication in various newspapers through the country. It was felt by Birmingham that the publication of such an article would probably have great disruptive effect on several states upon the success of the UKA to operate under the secrecy of the "Action-By-Citizens" Committee.

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

During the current reporting period, Birmingham, with prior Bureau authority, mailed cartoons to selected UKA members. The mailing of these cartoons has been carried out over a period of time, and as previously pointed out to the Bureau, only a very small number of the cartoons have been mailed from any one mailing station, and only a few cartoons have been mailed on the same date.

At the present time, Birmingham is awaiting the possible use by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] "The Birmingham NEWS", Birmingham, Alabama, of information set forth in a copy of the HCUA report, which was made available to him recently. This report was captioned, "The Present-Day Ku Klux Klan Movement", released 12/11/67, and the report was furnished to [REDACTED] on a highly confidential basis for the possible preparation and publication in his newspaper of articles detrimental to the UKA.

As has previously been pointed out to the Bureau and of course the Bureau is fully aware of this situation, at the present time the Birmingham Office [REDACTED]

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(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham has also previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

It is also quite apparent, in the opinion of Birmingham, that ROBERT SHELTON, [REDACTED] and other high ranking officials of the UKA, are greatly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have immediate and/or advanced notice of any plans of any nature on the part of the UKA.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 3, 1968

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

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The Birmingham Office has suggested that we make available to some syndicated columnist information indicating that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), has set up a group known as the Action By Citizens Committee to promote George C. Wallace, former Governor of Alabama, for President. It is recommended that this suggestion not be approved.

The UKA is the foremost klan organization in the country. Through the Action By Citizens Committee it is promoting the campaign of former Governor Wallace. To date, this Action By Citizens Committee is not publicly known as a klan-supported organization. We have developed considerable information regarding the klan support of this organization and have disseminated this data to interested agencies.

The UKA magazine "The Fiery Cross" openly espouses the campaign of former Governor Wallace and one of the recent editions of this magazine advertises various items favorable to the Wallace campaign such as bumper plates, stickers, decals, buttons, books, and pamphlets.

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Since the klan could be expected to back Wallace for President; since we have disseminated data regarding the

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- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. J. Dunn

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RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Action By Citizens Committee to interested United States Government agencies; and since we are dealing with a matter that has political ramifications, it is not believed that we should adopt the suggestion of Birmingham that data regarding the Action By Citizens Committee be furnished to a syndicated columnist.

ACTION:

If approved, the attached letter will be directed to Birmingham acknowledging its counterintelligence proposal and advising it that the proposal is not being approved for the reasons set forth above.

4/30/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

W.H. INC.
KODAK
PC (URGENT)
OO: FO WILHELM
ROUTINE 100-470
P: 100-1118 (U)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISSEMINATION OF NAME GROUPS
(COUNTRY U. S. EXCLUDED)
FILED: 157-9-10
FD-357-1175 (2)

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RECORDED dated 4/26/68.

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Birmingham files fail to reflect that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the NKA, has any nephew named [REDACTED]. Information received by Birmingham indicates that ROBERT M. SHELTON is an only child and his father's name is [REDACTED].

In view of above, Birmingham feels that all newspaper publicity in regard to the alleged relationship

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(1 - 157-310) (NKA, INC.)
(2 - 157-3-29) (COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
2 - Chicago (AM-310)
(1 - 157-260) (NKA, INC.)
(1 - 157-320) (COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
C - Black Legion
(1 - 157-720) (NKA, INC.)
(1 - 157-305) (COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)

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of the Empire, [REDACTED] and the top official of the USA, ROBERT E. SHELTON, would definitely have an adverse counterintelligence effect on Imperial Wizard SHELTON and the UMC.

Birmingham suggests Chicago, with Bureau contacts, could possibly get a friendly and trustworthy informant official to contact [REDACTED] and get full and accurate data, including his relatives, and enough information to write a story which would probably be of a sufficient size nature.

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Date: 6/6/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority) *ucsha*TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANNS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KKKK (UKA)ReBulet to Miami dated 5/7/68 and Miami airtel,
6/4/68.A review of Birmingham files has determined that
there is no public record or public source information
available showing possession by the UKA of certain literature
passed out in the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. area. *7/16*157-9-4-128
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1 - Miami (157-3114) (AM-RM)
1 - Birmingham
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C. C. HIGGINS

Approved: _____ Sent: _____ M Per: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

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DATE: 7/6/68

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 4/3/68.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three-months period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in bullet dated 3/28/68, Birmingham furnished the names, addresses and other data to the Bureau and to Atlanta of certain individuals to whom Birmingham desired the mailing of the letter authorized in bullet of 3/28/68. As the Bureau is aware, this letter authorized by bullet of 3/28/68 was proposed by Birmingham in connection with captioned matter and contains considerable information believed to be of a nature to serve as a disruptive activity on the part of the Bureau in its effort to eliminate the activities of the various Klan organizations throughout the country.

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By airtel dated 4/30/68 with copies to Chicago Office, Birmingham advised the Bureau and Chicago that no information was available to the Birmingham Office indicating that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, had any nephew by the name of [REDACTED]. This information was furnished at the request of the Chicago Office, as set forth in Chicago airtel dated 4/23/68. Chicago had requested information as to whether one [REDACTED] a "Hippy", who had been arrested by the Chicago Illinois Police Department, might be a relative of ROBERT M. SHELTON, as claimed by [REDACTED]. Birmingham suggested that Chicago, with Bureau authority might possibly get a friendly and trustworthy newspaper official to use information in regard to [REDACTED] and his alleged kinship with Imperial Wizard, ROBERT M. SHELTON in a story which might prove to have a ridiculing effect on the UKA and Imperial Wizard SHELTON.

By letter dated 3/27/68, Birmingham submitted a proposed letter captioned "UKA HIDES BEHIND SHEETS" under captioned program. This proposed letter was submitted by Birmingham with the thought in mind that the "Action-By-Citizens" Committee's association and affiliation with the UKA might be made known through the anonymously sending of this letter to certain selected individuals throughout the United States. The Bureau advised Birmingham that the sending of this letter was not being authorized at that time, due to its political ramifications, however, it was stated that Birmingham might keep the situation in mind and resubmit the proposal at some future date if Birmingham thought that such action was desirable.

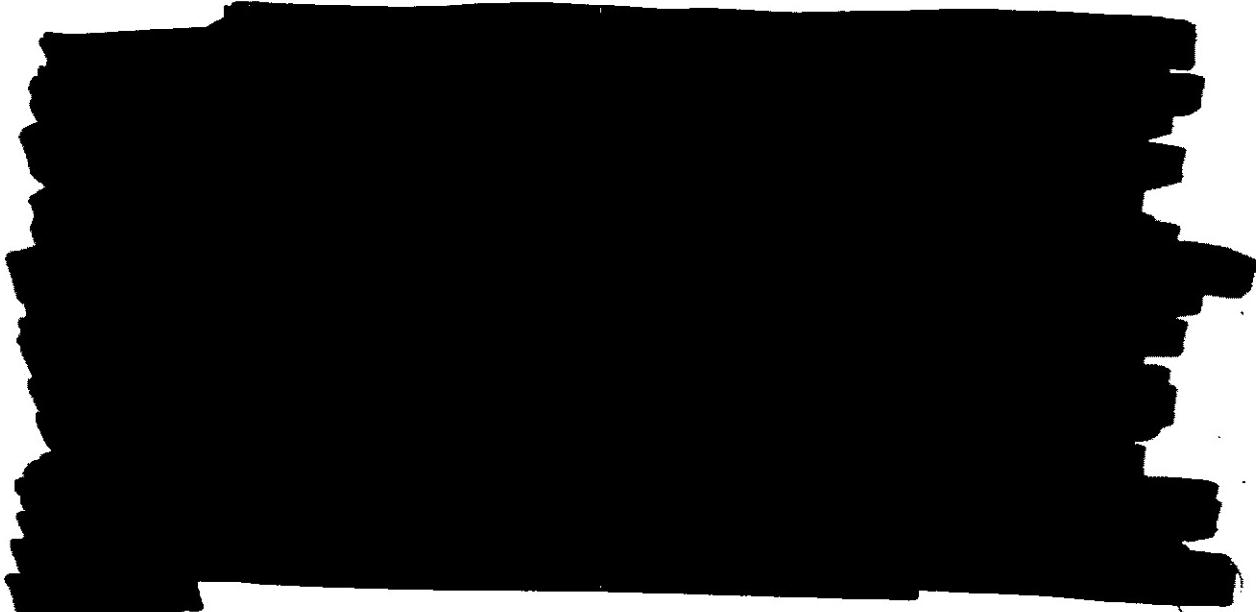
(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

During the current reporting period, Birmingham, with prior Bureau authority, mailed cartoons to selected UKA members. The mailing of these cartoons has been carried out over a period of time, and as previously pointed out to the Bureau, only a very small number of

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The cartoons have been mailed from any one mailing station, and only a few cartoons have been mailed on the same date.



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As mentioned under heading numbered (1) above, the Bureau by letter dated 3/28/68 authorized Birmingham to utilize its proposed letter which was to read "A HISTORY OF THE TRUE EMPIRE OF ROBERT SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE UNITED KLANNS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN" and directed that Atlanta prepare the communication to be sent. This project is pending at the present time.

(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant programs concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham has also previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the

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other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

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It is also quite apparent, in the opinion of Birmingham, that ROBERT SHELTON, [REDACTED] and other high ranking officials of the UKA, are greatly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have immediate and/or advance notice of any plans of any nature on the part of the UKA.

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Date:

9/11/68

transmit the following in

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To

IRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Enclosed is a Xerox copy of a cartoon which reportedly appeared in some newspaper; however, the name of the cartoonist has been blocked out and the names of [REDACTED] and ROBERT M. SHELTON, with other data, have been typed in on the cartoon.

ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of the UKA and [REDACTED] a hippie, claims to be a nephew of ROBERT M. SHELTON.

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Bureau authority is requested to anonymously mail Xerox copies of the enclosed cartoon to various UKA leaders and other selected individuals as a disruptive tactic. Should the Bureau authorize such an anonymous mailing, the cartoons will be prepared on inexpensive commercially purchased stationery.

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ROBERT M. SHELTON,
Imperial Wizard,
United Klans of
America, Inc.

"Uncle Bob., my disguise is lots cooler
than yours".

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1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

9-18-68

Director, FBI REC-76 (157-9-1)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL MATTERS
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
ROBERT E. SHELTON

ReBIIairtel 9-11-63.

The proposal as submitted in referenced airtel which included a cartoon is appreciated and shows ingenuity and freshness. In view of the fact that ██████████ is not related to Robert Sholton and the difficulty in locating the person who heard him state that he was, your proposal must be turned down at this time. You should continue your efforts in the counterintelligence field.

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NOTE.

We have previously received information that a hippie named [REDACTED] had identified himself as a relative of Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., KKK. Investigation held to substantiate allegation. Birmingham has submitted a counterintelligence proposal, utilizing a cartoon showing a relationship between the two. This proposal is being turned down at this time.

A rectangular stamp with a double-line border. The top line contains the word "MAILED" followed by "22". The middle section contains the date "SEP 17 1968". The bottom line contains "COMM-FBI".

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Date: 9/23/68

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Via

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (P)

UKA, INC.
KKK
RM (KLAN)
OO: DH
Bufile 157-370
BH 105-722

M. J. Green

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DETENT M. SHELTON)
Bufile 157-9-29
BH 157-835

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ReBulet to Birmingham, 9/19/68, and BHairtel to Bureau, 9/18/68.

As of 9/23/68, no public source information is available to Birmingham as to location and date that the UKA Klonvocation will be held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. At present, no public source information is available pertaining to the identity of persons making the reservations at the Ramada Inn at Tuscaloosa.

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Birmingham will remain alert to the situation referred to in reBulet and will comply with Bureau instructions set forth in this letter, if such information is obtained. Birmingham feels that the steps outlined in reBHairtel offer the most immediate counter-intelligence possibilities in regard to the above.

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1 - Birmingham 100 SEP 24 1968 2 - Phoenix (LM) *[Signature]*

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[Signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-Main)

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

DATE: 9/11/68

ReBulet, 4/15/65.

Referenced letter enclosed five numbered Xerox copies of rough sketched cartoons. Cartoon numbered "5" depicted two robed Klansmen in a boat and one is quoted as saying, "We seem to have sprung a leak!" *AL*

Birmingham feels that now is an appropriate time for an anonymous mailing of such a cartoon to known members of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KKKK, on a selected basis.

If still available, Birmingham Office requests the Bureau to furnish it with 50 copies of cartoon numbered "5" with Bureau authority to mail the cartoons to known Klansmen in a manner to completely protect the Bureau's interest and do the most good in regard to captioned program.

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1 - Birmingham
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() Mr. J. A. Marion

SAC, Birmingham (157-638)

9/19/68

Director, FBI (157-9)-4-131

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RACIAL MATTERS
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC.
KKKK
(CARTOONS AND CARICATURES)

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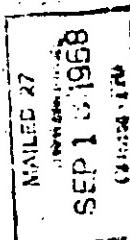
The Bureau supply of cartoon numbered "5" is depleted at this time. It is further believed that this technique has served its purpose and additional dissemination could possibly result in embarrassment to the Bureau. Your interest in the program is appreciated. Remain alert for other ideas of this nature.

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NOTE:

Birmingham has requested permission to anonymously disseminate 50 copies of a Bureau cartoon depicting two robed Klansmen in a boat, with one saying "we seem to have sprung a leak." Over the past several years these cartoons were disseminated and the results gratifying. Consternation by Klansmen was encountered and Klan resignations effected as a result. We have limited dissemination of this cartoon in order to prevent embarrassment to the Bureau. It is felt that the cartoons have accomplished their purpose. We are, therefore, not granting authority to Birmingham for this dissemination.



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Date: 9/11/68

transmit the following in _____
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in AIRTEL AIRMAIL REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (P)

UKA, INC.
KKKK
RM (KLAN)
OO: BIRMINGHAM
BUFILE: 157-370
BH 105-722

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)
BUFILE: 157-9-29
BH 157-835

As the Bureau is aware, a National Klavocation of the United Klans of America, Inc. (Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA)), is to be held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on October 5-6, 1968, at the Ramada Inn, and the delegates are to stay at this motel. Information has also been received that ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, plans to hold a banquet on 10/5/68, at the Ramada Inn, Tuscaloosa, in connection with the National Klavocation of the UKA, and that the banquet is to be open to the public. SHELTON plans to use the profits from the banquet for his defense in connection with his appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court of his contempt of Congress conviction.

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Birmingham requests Bureau authority to take
the following two steps:

1. To "leak" information regarding the UKA
banquet on 10/5/68, to the following named individuals,
each of whom is thoroughly reliable and will not reveal the
FBI's interest in this matter:

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2. To make anonymous telephone calls to various
newspaper offices operating in the Birmingham Division
advising them that such a UKA National Klonvocation and
banquet is going to be held on 10/5-6/68, and that the banquet
is open to the public.

Birmingham will await specific Bureau authority
before taking any action in this regard.

1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

9/19/68

Director, FBI (157-9-203)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL MATTERS
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Reference Birmingham and Chicago airtels dated 9/11/68 captioned as above and captioned, "UKA, Inc., KKK, Racial Matters, Klan."

The information contained in referenced communications raises an excellent possibility for counterintelligence activity.

Chicago should obtain and forward to Birmingham an original clipping of the advertisement appearing in "The Chicago Tribune," 9/9/68, and signed by the President of the Ramada Inns. Birmingham should immediately obtain all available public source information as to the location and date that the UKA Klunkovation is being held. Include public source information if available, pertaining to the identity of the persons making the reservations at the Ramada Inn at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Birmingham should review their mass media contacts and when above information is obtained, forward a succinct proposal to the Bureau toward disseminating this information. Birmingham in making this proposal should be able to insure that this dissemination can be made with complete security and without embarrassment to the Bureau. Handle promptly.

2 - Chicago (157-382)

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(6) 10/10/68

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Letter to SAC, Birmingham
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-29

NOTE:

The National Klunkokation of the UKA is scheduled for October 5-6, 1968, at the Ramada Inn located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Chicago has forwarded an advertisement placed in a Chicago newspaper during the Democratic National Convention. This advertisement pledges support for the next President and states that the Ramada Inns, a publicly owned chain of motels, would work to make America the greatest and happiest country in the world. This advertisement pledged Ramada Inns to working with the President to end violence.

If we were able to furnish a copy of the advertisement together with public source information showing Ramada Inn as the site of the Klunkokation, to a reliable newspaper, we might be able to force a cancellation of the Klan accomodations. We are attempting to obtain the necessary facts to determine if this counterintelligence proposal is workable.

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

9/25/68

Director, FBI (157-9-4)

1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL MATTERS
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA)
KKK

ReBairtel and LHM 9-10-68 captioned "UKA, Inc., KK
RM (Klan)" pertaining to Senatorial candidate, [REDACTED]

The information set forth in referenced LHM raises the possibility of counterintelligence activity by showing a relationship between the UKA and the [REDACTED] candidate for the [REDACTED]. You should review your files and attempt to obtain public source and widely disseminated information concerning [REDACTED] relationship with Shelton. If pertinent, you should thereafter submit a proposal aimed toward the leaking of this information to friendly news media. If your inquiry and file review fail to elicit sufficient information at this time, you should stay alert for corroborating information which would make such a disclosure feasible. Take no action without specific Bureau authority.

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NOTE:

We have received information that [REDACTED] candidate for the [REDACTED] from Alabama, is relying upon the UKA for their help in his forthcoming campaign and has promised the Klan consideration upon his election. We are calling for a review of files in an effort to obtain sufficient public source information so that authority can be requested for a dissemination to news media.

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Via **AIRTEL****AIRMAIL REGISTERED**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (P)
 UKA, INC.
 KKKK
 RM (KLAN)
 OO: BIRMINGHAM
 BUFILE: 157-370
 BH 105-722

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
 BUFILE: 157-9-9
 BH 157-835

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 9/11/68.

Birmingham feels that Chicago's suggestion has excellent counterintelligence potential. Birmingham appreciates the suggestion and Chicago's alertness in this matter.

For information of the Bureau and interested offices, some of the persons occupying managerial positions at the new Ramada Inn, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where the UKA

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plans to hold its National Klanvocation on 10/5 & 6/68. [redacted] are long time friends or acquaintances of ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA. SHELTON was able to make arrangements for room reservations and banquet details at this new motel due to this situation. *AL*

b7D [redacted] For information of Phoenix [redacted] of the planned klanvocation and also advised that plans call for all delegates to stay at the Ramada Inn while attending the klanvocation.

In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to authorize the Phoenix office to immediately check into the details mentioned in referenced Chicago airtel. Should Phoenix determine that [redacted] Ramada Inns, 3838 East Van Buren Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85008, or other top officials of the Ramada Inns can be contacted in regard to this matter without embarrassment to the Bureau, Birmingham requests the Bureau to authorize the necessary action by Phoenix.

9-25-68

Airtel

- EX-72
1 - Mr. C.D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G.C. Moore
1 - Mr. J.G. Deegan
1 - Mr. J.A. Marion

To: SACs, Birmingham (157-835)
Chicago (157-382)
Phoenix
DE-15
From: Director, FBI (157-9-25) - 134

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL MATTERS - DISRUPTION OF
HATE GROUPS, UNITED KLAN OF
AMERICA, INCORPORATED, KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

ReBulet 8-10-68, captioned as above, and
Birmingham airtel 9-18-68 captioned "UKA, Inc., KKKK,
RM (Klan)" and "Counterintelligence Program, Internal
Security - Disruption of Hate Groups."

The following anonymous letter should be prepared
by the Birmingham office, utilizing plain white, commercially
purchased paper and a manual typewriter. The letter should
be mailed from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, no later than 9-27-68
and addressed to:

"The President
Lemada Lips
3638 East Van Buren Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85008"

The letter should read as follows:

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Airtel to SAC, Birmingham, et al
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-29

"Tuscaloosa, Alabama
9-27-68

"Dear Sir:

"I am directing this communication to alert you to a situation which will definitely injure the reputation of the Ramada Inns on a nation-wide basis if it becomes known. I must remain anonymous as my job would be in peril if my identity was known. The facts I present can be easily checked and if prompt action is taken, a great deal of harm will be prevented.

"The Ramada Inn located in Tuscaloosa is going to hold a large convention of the Ku Klux Klan over the weekend of October 5-6. This is the Klan which is led by Robert Shelton. Many reservations have already been made and even the large banquet hall has been hired by this group.

"I am not in sympathy with Shelton and his crew and firmly believe as a stockholder that the Ramada Inns are not in sympathy either.

"I am writing this to warn you of this convention and I sincerely hope that you are able to make the operators of this motel get rid of this trash. They can only bring embarrassment to Tuscaloosa and the good name of Ramada.

"Sincerely yours,
An interested American"

Phoenix should conduct no investigation in this matter, but remain alert for any indication that Ramada Inns will take action regarding this letter. Birmingham and Chicago should follow the instructions set forth in referenced Bureau letter concerning the submission of a "leak" to the press. If no reaction is determined as a result of this letter, then consideration will be given to the forthcoming Birmingham proposal regarding this "leak."

Birmingham should maintain strict security on both the preparation and mailing of this anonymous letter.

NOTE:

See memorandum G.C. Moore to W.C. Sullivan, captioned as above, prepared by JAM:sfw, dated 9-24-68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 10/1/68

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 7/6/68.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three-months period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

By letter dated 9/11/68, Birmingham requested the Bureau to furnish it with 50 copies of a certain cartoon previously prepared by the Bureau in regard to captioned program. The Bureau has advised that at present no copies of this cartoon are available; however, it is felt that in the future there may be a time when the mailing of such cartoons will become appropriate and this potential action is being kept in mind by the Birmingham Office.

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By airtel dated 9/11/68, Birmingham submitted to the Bureau a xeroxed copy of a cartoon in which a

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Figure of a hippie and also a robed klansman are set out. The hippie was designated as [REDACTED] and the klansman was designated as ROBERT M. SHELTON. It was further indicated that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., KKKK, was the uncle of [REDACTED]. The Bureau considered the use of this cartoon, however, advised against its use at the present time due to the difficulty in locating a person who had heard [REDACTED] claim to be the nephew of Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON.

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By airtel dated 9/19/68, Birmingham submitted information in regard to a Klan leader in the State of Ohio who reportedly had married a 16-year-old daughter of another Ohio Klan member. It was further set forth in the letter that there was the probability that criminal charges were being placed against the Klan member who married the teen-age daughter of the other Klan member. Specific suggestions were made by the Birmingham Office in regard to various steps that might be taken by the Cincinnati and/or Cleveland Offices in regard to captioned program so far as the facts of this marital situation is involved.

By airtel and LHM dated 9/10/68, Birmingham furnished information containing possible counterintelligence activity by showing in the LHM a relationship between the UKA and Democratic candidate for the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Birmingham is continuing its effort to obtain possible source and widely disseminated information concerning [REDACTED] relationship with Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON and UKA.

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

National Knights of Justice, Inc.
During the current reporting period, Birmingham, with prior Bureau authority, mailed cartoons to selected UKA members. The mailing of these cartoons has been carried out over a period of time and as previously pointed out to the Bureau, only a very small number of the cartoons have been mailed from any one mailing station, and only a few cartoons have been mailed on the same date.

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By airtel dated 9/11/68, Birmingham advised the Bureau of the fact that ~~a National Klonycation of~~ the UKA was to be held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on October 5-6, 1968, and that it was to be held at the Ramada Inn with the delegates to stay at this motel. Birmingham furnished other details to the Bureau in regard to this situation and the fact that a banquet would be held at this inn in Tuscaloosa and that the banquet would be open to the public.

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By airtel dated 9/11/68, Chicago furnished the Bureau and Birmingham a xeroxed copy of a memorandum prepared by [redacted] of Phoenix, Arizona. Birmingham and Chicago furnished the Bureau with suggestions in regard to counterintelligence steps recommended in regard to this situation and the Bureau authorized Birmingham to prepare and mail a letter in regard to this situation. This letter was prepared and mailed by Birmingham in accordance with Bureau instructions.

In regard to the holding of this National Klonycation of the UKA at the Ramada Inn in Tuscaloosa on October 5-6, 1968, Birmingham is continuing its efforts to obtain possible source information that may be used in regard to captioned program showing that the UKA is holding this annual meeting at the Ramada Inn in Tuscaloosa as above set out with the thought in mind that the UKA may be the subject of unfavorable press write-ups should this fact become known to the general public.

(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham has also previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the

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Other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

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It is also quite apparent, in the opinion of Birmingham, that ROBERT SHELTON, [REDACTED], and other high ranking officials of the UKA, are greatly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have immediate and/or advance notice of any plans of any nature on the part of the UKA.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-29)

DATE: 11/20/68

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-338) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL MATTERS - DISRUPTION OF
HATE GROUPS, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA,
AMERICA, INCORPORATED, KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

ReBuairtel to PX, etc., 9/25/68.

In reBuairtel, Phoenix was instructed to conduct no investigation in this matter but to remain alert for any indication that the Ramada Inns would take any action regarding a proposed anonymous letter written to the president of the Ramada Inns, Phoenix, Arizona.

There has been no indication that [REDACTED] has taken action regarding such letter.

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The Phoenix Division has conducted no investigation in this matter and considers the matter RUC.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham (157-835) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (157-382) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Phoenix

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM

UNITED KLANZ OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM (KLAN)
BUFILE: 157-370
EM FILE: 105-722 (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CONTRACT P. CHILDREN)
BUFILE: 157-3-29
EM FILE: 157-835 (P)

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Rep SA [REDACTED] Birmingham, dated [REDACTED]
11/2/68, captioned [REDACTED]

CONGRESSMAN

JOHN R. MCKEANAN - VICTIM, ELECTION LAWS; CONSPIRACY,
JUVENILE DISINTEGRATION ACT."

Referenced report, in the synopsis, in part
stated that two individuals observed four young white males
distributing handbills uncompromisingly to Alabama Congressman
JOHN R. MCKEANAN in possible violation of the Election Laws.

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[REDACTED]

Birmingham requests Bureau authority to take
the following action:

- ④ - Bureau (RM)
(2 - 157-370) (UKA, INC.); (2 - 157-9-29) (COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
PROGRAM) 157-9-4 -
② - Birmingham
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(Birmingham feels that the above procedure will avoid any question as to [REDACTED] and it is felt this action will be appropriate at this time since the U. S. Department of Justice may request specific investigation in regard to referenced matter.)

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 1/3/69

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 10/1/68.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three-months period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

By letter dated 11/27/68 to Bureau, which letter carried dual caption of instant matter and the UKA, Birmingham requested authority [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
had been distributed in Birmingham, Alabama, by four young white males in late 1968 and these handbills were

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uncomplimentary to Alabama Congressman JOHN H. BUCHANAN
Rerep of SA [redacted] Birmingham, dated 11/9/68,
captioned [redacted]

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[redacted] CONGRESSMAN
JOHN H. BUCHANAN - VICTIM, ELECTION LAWS; CONSPIRACY,
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT," contained complete details
of this situation.

By Bureau letter dated 12/13/68, carrying same
caption as set out in the preceding paragraph, the
Bureau directed that no investigation or activity should
take place concerning this matter pending a decision by
the Department of Justice. The Bureau also stated that
at the time a decision is made concerning prosecution
in the matter of the "smear sheets," Birmingham may resubmit
these or a similar type proposal.

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

During the current reporting period, Birmingham,
with prior Bureau authority, mailed cartoons to selected
UKA members. The mailing of these cartoons has been
carried out over a period of time and as previously
pointed out to the Bureau, only a very small number of
the cartoons have been mailed from any one mailing
station, and only a few cartoons have been mailed on the
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(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is
felt that great significance should be attributed to
instant program concerning the fact that there has been
almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part
of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham
Division for many months. As Birmingham has also
previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that
such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the
other hate groups quite logically and easily can be
attributed or considered to be tangible results of the
counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various
FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

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It is also quite apparent, in the opinion of Birmingham, that ROBERT SHELTON, [REDACTED] and other high ranking officials of the UKA, are greatly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have immediate and/or advance notice of any plans of any nature on the part of the UKA.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-63)

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
BONIFAY, FLORIDA KLAVERN
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 1/10/69

Re Jacksonville letter to the Bureau, dated 1/6/69, and captioned as above.

Relet set forth information to the effect that the Jacksonville Division had in the past made efforts to develop [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] UKA, as a potential racial informant. Relet also set out information to the effect that [REDACTED] as possibly "just playing the FBI along," and for that reason, efforts had been discontinued concerning his development as an informant. Relet also set out a proposed anonymous letter to be sent to [REDACTED] in an effort to disrupt the activities of the Bonifay, Florida Klavern.

Relet requested Birmingham to review the technique set forth in relet and to advise as to whether the recommended procedure could possibly endanger any Birmingham informants.

For the information of the Bureau and Jacksonville, Birmingham wishes to point out that ordinarily Birmingham would be in favor of the sending of such a letter as recommended in relet; however, due to certain circumstances to be mentioned below, Birmingham recommends against the mailing of such an anonymous letter from Tuscaloosa, Alabama at the present time. As the Bureau and Jacksonville are aware, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial

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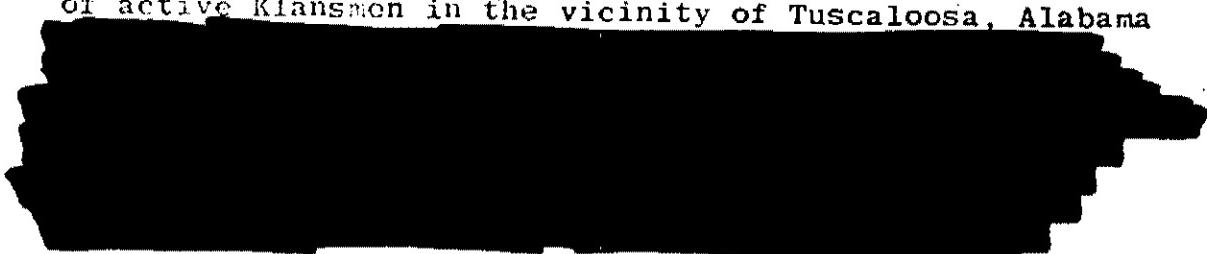
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Wizard of the UKA, and certain other Imperial officers of the UKA have been greatly disturbed by the fact that information has apparently been furnished to the FBI by informants in numerous recent instances in several states. Due to this situation, Imperial Wizard SHELTON and other national officers of the UKA have been making every effort felt possible by them to determine the identity of any and all FBI informants furnishing information concerning the UKA. Due to the small number of active Klansmen in the vicinity of Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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If the Bureau were to approve the preparation of a letter by the FBI Laboratory as recommended in relet, Birmingham would have no objection to the sending of such a letter from Birmingham, Alabama or any other city in North Alabama as recommended by Jacksonville or the Bureau.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-1)

DATE: 2/25/69

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

As the Bureau is aware, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), was committed to a United States Prison at Texarkana, Texas, in February, 1969.

[redacted] are of the opinion that [redacted] had in mind running the UKA as he thinks it should be run, rather than as Imperial Wizard would want it run. As the Bureau has been advised, ROBERT SHELTON has openly made known that in his (SHELTON's) absence, [redacted] would be in charge of the Imperial Office of the UKA and that [redacted] UKA, who is also the [redacted] Realm of Alabama of the UKA, was scheduled to make speeches at various public rallies sponsored by the UKA in different sections of the United States.

Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham to prepare an anonymous communication to exploit this situation. If such is authorized, Birmingham will prepare the letter on unmarked stationery and with the use of a manual typewriter so that the Bureau's connection with this letter cannot be determined.

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This suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama

"Dear [REDACTED]

"I used to be in your Klan and wish I still was but I went along with the bunch. The other day I heard someone close to James Spears make a remark that he don't trust you or your having power in the UKA. This was supposed to have been said in Birmingham about the middle of December, 1968, when Spears was there and met with a small group of people.

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"Y. V. T."

If authorized, this letter will be addressed to [REDACTED]

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-2-4) - 139

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
RACIAL MATTERS - MAIL

ReBulet 2/25/69 captioned "Counterintelligence Program, National Security, Disruption of Hate Groups."

Permission is granted for Birmingham to prepare the above communication set forth in referenced letter. You must insure Bureau security is maintained. Keep the Bureau and participant offices advised of the results of your communication.

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NOTE:

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Birmingham has recommended a mailing of an anonymous communication, prepared on unmarked stationery and prepared on a manual typewriter. This communication is addressed to [REDACTED] who is presently the national leader of the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKK), while Robert Shelton is serving his one-year jail sentence. The communication is intended to create strife between [REDACTED] and another national leader [REDACTED]. The letter intimates that a new Klan organization is being formed by [REDACTED]. There is no way that this communication can be traced to the Bureau. Birmingham is being instructed to protect Bureau's interests.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 4/2/69

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated
1/3/69.

The following is a status letter covering
the previous three-months period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

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During the current reporting period, Birmingham, with prior Bureau authority, mailed cartoons to selected UKA members. The mailing of these cartoons has been carried out over a period of time and as previously pointed out to the Bureau, only a very small number of the cartoons have been mailed from any one mailing station, and only a few cartoons have been mailed on the same date.

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By letter dated 3/5/69, Birmingham was granted permission to prepare and mail an anonymous letter to [REDACTED] of the UKA, Inc., at [REDACTED], Alabama. This letter was sent to cause [REDACTED] to distrust [REDACTED] who is also the [REDACTED] for the UKA.

(3) Tangible Results .

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham has also previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

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It is also quite apparent, in the opinion of Birmingham, that ROBERT SHELTON, [REDACTED] and other high ranking officials of the UKA, are greatly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have immediate and/or advance notice of any plans of any nature on the part of the UKA.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
WJW/JAS
FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

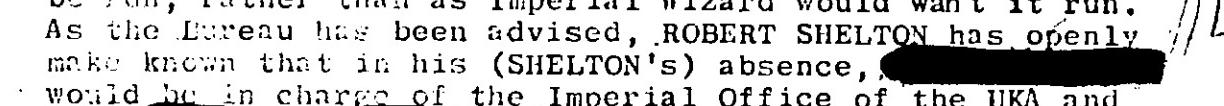
DATE: 5/23/69

As the Bureau is aware, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), was committed to a United States Prison at Texarkana, Texas, in February, 1969.



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[REDACTED] are of the opinion that [REDACTED] had in mind running the UKA as he thinks it should be run, rather than as Imperial Wizard would want it run. As the Bureau has been advised, ROBERT SHELTON has openly make known that in his (SHELTON's) absence, [REDACTED] would be in charge of the Imperial Office of the UKA and that [REDACTED] the UKA, who is also the [REDACTED] of Alabama bf the UKA, was scheduled to make speeches at various public rallies sponsored by the UKA in different sections of the United States.



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Since ROBERT SHELTON's incarceration in prison, information has been received which would indicate that [REDACTED] has been drinking to excess. Information has also been received from one or more Bureau informants indicating that on occasion [REDACTED] has become so worked up over some situations that he gives the appearance of a person bordering on insanity.

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Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham to prepare an anonymous communication to exploit this situation. If such is authorized, Birmingham will prepare the letter on unmarked stationery and with the use of a manual typewriter so that the Bureau's connection with this letter cannot be determined.

This suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama

"Dear Mr. Shelton,

"It hurts me to realize that while you are being held in prison the men you placed in charge are ruining our organization. I can't keep quiet any longer and only write now because of your being a political prisoner.

"I have seen and heard [REDACTED] speak on 2 or 3 occasions in the past 3 months. He appears to be a mental case bordering on insanity. He gets so worked up that he looks and acts like a wild man. He also openly urges violent acts and I know you don't want such conduct. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is drinking himself to death and a lot of us know it. He is wrecking our fine organization and I hope you can stop it.

"An Interested Member".

If authorized, this letter will be addressed to
Mr. Robt. W. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, U. S.
Prison, Texarkana, Texas.

ROUTE ENVELOPE

I - Mr. J. G. Deegan
I - Mr. J. A. Marion

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SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4)-141

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
RACIAL MATTERS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

Memorandum dated 5-23-69.

Permission to mail the requested anonymous communication to Robert W. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America (UKA), is granted. This letter should be prepared on unmarked stationery by use of a manual typewriter. You must insure that the Bureau is not disclosed as the source of this communication. Strict security must be maintained. Advise the Bureau of the reaction to the mailing when received.

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Birmingham has suggested the mailing of an anonymous letter to Robert Shelton, presently in a Federal prison in Texarkana, Texas. When Shelton went to jail about six months ago he entrusted the UKA to two men: The first, [REDACTED] is inclined to drink to excess. The second, [REDACTED] is known for his emotional, childish temperament. Birmingham is aware of the fact that Shelton is afraid of these weaknesses. The suggested anonymous letter points out that [REDACTED] is a mental case and is urging violent action by the UKA. It points out that Sexton is drinking himself to death and ruining the UKA. Shelton is expected to get out of prison in a few months. This letter could cause internal disruption within the UKA. We are therefore authorizing the anonymous mailing.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 7/1/69

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated 4/2/69.

The following is a status letter covering the previous three-months period:

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

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During the current reporting period, Birmingham, with prior Bureau authority, mailed cartoons to selected UKA members. The mailing of these cartoons has been carried out over a period of time and as previously pointed out to the Bureau, only a very small number of the cartoons have been mailed from any one mailing station, and only a few cartoons have been mailed on the same date.

By letter dated 6/3/69, Birmingham was granted permission to prepare and mail an anonymous letter to ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America (UKA). This letter was prepared and sent in accordance with Bureau instruction. DE-15 REC 9 157-9-4-142

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(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham has also previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 7/28/69

As the Bureau is aware, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), was committed to a United States Prison at Texarkana, Texas, in February, 1969.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are of the opinion that [REDACTED] had in mind running the UKA as he thinks it should be run, rather than as Imperial Wizard would want it run. As the Bureau has been advised, ROBERT SHELTON has openly made known that in his (SHELTON's) absence, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could be in charge of the Imperial Office of the UKA and that [REDACTED] UKA, who is also the [REDACTED] of Alabama of the UKA, was scheduled to make speeches at various public rallies sponsored by the UKA in different sections of the United States. b7C b7D

Since ROBERT SHELTON's incarceration in prison, information has been received which would indicate that [REDACTED] has been drinking to excess. Information has also been received from one or more Bureau informants indicating that on occasion [REDACTED] has become so worked up over some situations that he gives the appearance of a person bordering on insanity.

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Birmingham informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have made known that on a recent trip to North Carolina, [REDACTED] were traveling in a [REDACTED] and while [REDACTED] was driving, he lost control of the car and it was damaged.

[REDACTED]

Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham to prepare an anonymous communication to exploit this situation. If such is authorized, Birmingham will prepare the letter on unmarked stationery and with the use of a manual typewriter so that the Bureau's connection with this letter cannot be determined.

This suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama

"Dear Mr. Shelton,

"I wrote you once about the 2 men you have turned our organization over to while you are in prison.

"Maybe you have heard and maybe you haven't but [REDACTED] has got himself messed up in a shooting scrape in North Carolina about July 4, 1969. I have also heard that either [REDACTED] wrecked a [REDACTED] while they were traveling together going to or coming from North Carolina.

"Someone also said he heard that [REDACTED] made a claim to some Klan members in another state that the UKA is doing a lots better with you in prison than when you were out.

"I hope you know all about the things I mentioned but if you don't please look into it.

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"An Interested Member".

If authorized, this letter will be addressed to
Mr. Robt. M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, U. S.
Prison, Texarkana, Texas.

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

1 - C J. A. Marion

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

8-8-69

Director, FBI (157-9-4)-143

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DISRUPTION OF KLAN AND
WHITE HATE GROUPS
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA)

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ReBillet 7-28-69. Enclosed for Dallas is one copy of referenced communication.

Authority is granted for Birmingham to prepare and anonymously mail a letter as suggested in referenced communication. You must insure that Bureau security is maintained and the FBI is not disclosed as the source of this communication. Advise if any results are received of this mailing.

1 - Dallas (Enclosure)

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Robert W. Shelton is the Imperial Wizard of the UKA and is presently serving a one year prison term at a federal prison in Texarkana, Texas. While Shelton is in jail [REDACTED] have been running the UKA. They do not get along together and [REDACTED] is drinking considerably. Shelton is attempting to keep his leadership of the Klan while in jail. Birmingham has suggested the mailing of an anonymous letter to Shelton. This communication points up the trouble between [REDACTED] and adds that [REDACTED] recently wrecked a new [REDACTED] automobile. It adds that [REDACTED] was involved in a shooting incident in North Carolina and quotes [REDACTED] as making the statement that the UKA is doing better with Shelton in jail. This communication could lead to the removal of [REDACTED]. We are authorizing this communication. Birmingham will prepare on a manual typewriter using unmarked stationery.

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Date: 7/28/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
 RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
 DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
 (UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

Re Birmingham letter, dated 7/25/69; Atlanta teletype to Bureau, dated 7/9/69, captioned "AT 1652-R"; Charlotte airtel to Bureau, dated 7/14/69, captioned "Shooting Incident at Klan Meeting, Middleton, N. C., 7/4/69, RM - Klan"; Charlotte airtel to Bureau, dated 7/7/69, carrying same caption; Columbia airtel to Bureau, dated 7/8/69, captioned "CO 80-R"; Columbia airtel to Bureau, dated 7/10/69, captioned "United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (National Defense Fund Committee), RM - Klan"; and Birmingham airtel, dated 7/23/69, captioned "United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), RM - Klan."

Enclosed for Charlotte is one (1) copy of "The Fiery Cross," official magazine of the UKA, Inc., KKKK, and this copy is designated as Volume IV, Edition 7, dated July, 1969. It is to be noted that Page 2 of this copy carries a photograph of WILLIAM MELVIN SEXTON and Page 7 carries a photograph of JAMES SPEARS. These are good likenesses of SEXTON, who is the Imperial Kligrapp of the UKA, and SPEARS, who is the Imperial Kludd of the UKA and is also the UKA Grand Dragon of Alabama.

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The Bureau is vitally interested in the disruption of the UKA and it is believed that the situation mentioned below lends itself favorably to accomplishing this goal, as it for one thing may result in the criminal prosecution of [REDACTED]

Referenced Atlanta teletype pointed out that 17 Klansmen, including [REDACTED] had been arrested at Swannquarter, North Carolina, on 7/4/69 according to [REDACTED]

Referenced airtel of 7/14/69 enclosed an LHM setting forth details concerning the shooting incident at a UKA meeting on 7/4/69 at Middleton, N. C. This LHM set forth the names of several Negroes arrested in regard to this incident. This LHM also stated that [REDACTED] of Alabama had been employed to defend the UKA Klansmen involved in this matter.

Referenced airtel of 7/7/69 enclosed an LHM which set forth considerable additional detailed information concerning the 7/4/69 incident. This LHM set out the names of several UKA Klansmen who were arrested and charged in this matter and one of these UKA leaders was [REDACTED]. It is to be noted that although [REDACTED] was present and participated in the incident in the UKA meeting on 7/4/69, he was not arrested and as of this date, it is believed by Birmingham that he has not been identified and charged in regard to his participation in this shooting incident. This LHM on Pages 5 and 6 sets forth information reflecting that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had furnished description of several rifles, shotguns, and/or revolvers taken from the UKA Klansmen arrested, but due to the excitement at the time of the arrest, it was not known positively which weapon belonged to the individuals arrested.

However, as mentioned above, he has not been charged and his attorney has not been determined.

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Referenced Birmingham airtel enclosed LHM, a part of which is a UKA Newsletter, dated 7/15/69, which was published by the Imperial Office of the UKA. This Newsletter set forth information as to the steps being taken by the Imperial Office of the UKA to raise funds to take care of the legal expenses incurred in regard to the defense of the Klansmen arrested on 7/4/69 in N. C. and to provide for funds to take care of other expenses and defenses of Klansmen in regard to other court proceedings.

Birmingham has received information indicating that several of the above mentioned UKA Klansmen arrested on 7/4/69 in N. C. have pled guilty in regard to their participation in the shooting incident on that occasion.

Birmingham is furnishing Charlotte the enclosed copy of "The Fiery Cross" for use in regard to this matter. It is to be noted that, as mentioned above, [REDACTED] was present and participated in the Klan meeting involved. It is known that [REDACTED] were traveling together on this trip to N. C. in a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Bureau is requested to authorize Charlotte to take the following action:

1) To contact some selected official of the North Carolina Highway Patrol, or other proper North Carolina law enforcement official, on a highly confidential basis and furnish him a copy of the above described "Fiery Cross."

2) To point out to this official that SEXTON's photograph appears on Page 2 of the above described "Fiery Cross" and that SEXTON was present and participated in the incident in North Carolina and that SEXTON's gun was taken up on this occasion, but that he had gotten away without being identified or arrested. It is believed probable that SEXTON's photograph may be identified by the North Carolina arresting officers as one of the leaders in this incident.

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3) To furnish pertinent information from referenced communications to the North Carolina Highway official, with the specific admonition and understanding that the Bureau does not have anyone who can testify in regard to this situation.

4) To possibly make known to appropriate North Carolina Highway officials that [REDACTED] who was identified, arrested, and pled guilty, is disgruntled and very unhappy with the conduct of [REDACTED] on that occasion and the fact that [REDACTED] escaped arrest. It is possible that [REDACTED] if placed under oath by proper authorities, could help make the case against [REDACTED] attendance and participation in the North Carolina incident.

ROUTED IN ENVELOPE

- Mr. J. A. Marion

SAC, Charlotte (167-281)

8/12/69

Director, FBI (167-9-4)-144

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANNS OF AMERICA (UKA)

ReBairtel 7-28-69.

Authority is granted for Charlotte to contact selected officials of the North Carolina Highway Patrol and furnish them with a copy of the July, 1969, issue of the "Tiey Cross." They should be advised that Melvin Sexton's photograph appears on page 2 and that he is believed to have participated in the shooting incident in North Carolina on 7-4-69. You may advise these officials that Sexton's gun was one of those confiscated and if feasible, you may point out how this can be established by independent investigation.

In your contacts with North Carolina State Police officers, you must advise them that there is no one within this Bureau that can testify concerning this matter and the FBI must not be disclosed as the source of this information. In your conversation with these officials, you may also disclose to them that James Spears and Melvin Sexton have been angry with each other over the incident and Spears may be a source of information. Advise the Bureau of the results of this activity.

2 - Birmingham (167-835)

1 - Atlanta (167-826)

1 - Columbia

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On July 4, 1969, a shooting incident occurred at a klan meeting in Middleton, North Carolina, between klansmen and Negroes. Several persons including klansmen and black extremists were arrested. [REDACTED] a klan leader, was b7c arrested and pleaded guilty. [REDACTED] another klan leader, escaped arrest during the confusion even though his gun was confiscated. Birmingham has suggested that

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LETTER TO SAC, Charlotte
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

NOTE CONTINUED:

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North Carolina Highway Patrol officers be furnished suitable photographs of [redacted] so that an identification can be made and [redacted] arrested in connection with this shooting. We are authorizing this and advising Charlotte to tell North Carolina Highway Patrol officials that there is some dissatisfaction within the klan because [redacted] has escaped arrest. If [redacted] is arrested, this will undoubtedly disrupt the UKA for some time to come. In addition, the administrative process of the UKA will also be disrupted during the period of time that Sexton was in custody.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 8/15/69

As the Bureau is aware, ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), was committed to a United States Prison at Texarkana, Texas, in February, 1969. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is committed to the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut.

Highly placed Informants of the Charlotte Office have recently made known that 17 UKA Klansmen were arrested in Hyde County, North Carolina, on 7/4/69, and a trial was held at Swan Quarter, North Carolina, in July, 1969. Information was also furnished which reflected that during the period from July 12 through July 19, 1969, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the UKA, was in North Carolina and stayed at the Economy Inn Motel, Washington, North Carolina. [REDACTED] is married and resides with his wife [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], who as mentioned above is in prison, is married to [REDACTED] and she stayed at this same above mentioned motel at the same time as [REDACTED]. She was in company a great deal of the time during this period and everything indicates that [REDACTED] ate together alone on several occasions. They also were alone together in [REDACTED] motel room for long periods of time, and everything points to their having sexual relations with each other.

Bureau authority is requested for Birmingham to prepare an anonymous communication to exploit this situation. If such is authorized, Birmingham will prepare the letter on unmarked stationery and with the use of a manual typewriter so that the Bureau's connection with this letter cannot be determined.

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This suggested letter is as follows:

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"Birmingham, Alabama

"Dear Mr. Shelton,

"While you and [REDACTED] are serving time for a cause so dear to your heart, [REDACTED] is betraying you, himself, his wife, and the UKA.

"During the time from about July 12 through July 19, 1969, [REDACTED] was in North Carolina. This was in connection with a near riot that happened on July 4, 1969, in Hyde County, North Carolina, when 17 Klausen got involved in a shoot-out and got arrested.

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"From July 12 through July 19, 1969, [REDACTED] was in North Carolina and stayed at the Holiday Inn Motel in Washington, North Carolina. I hate to say this but [REDACTED] carried on an affair during this time. They were alone together in his room for hours at a time on several days or nights. She was also staying at this same motel. The two of them also ate together (alone) on some occasions.

"I know you know [REDACTED] drinks like a fish so there's no use going into that.

"I am also sending copies of this letter to [REDACTED] because they ought to know.

"A. I. M."

If authorized, this letter will be addressed to Mr. Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, U.S. Prison, Texarkana, Texas 75501, and copies will be sent to [REDACTED], Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn. 06810 and to [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

9/4/69

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Director, FBI (157-9-4) **-145**

1 - Mr. J. A. Marion
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Reurlet 8/15/69.

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The Bureau has reviewed your counterintelligence suggestion. It is felt by the Bureau that additional thought should be given to this technique prior to its being approved.

It is the feeling of the Bureau that inasmuch as inmates of Federal Correctional Institutions are allowed to receive mail only from individuals and organizations which are on their respective correspondents lists, the envelopes in which the letters to Robert M. Shelton and [REDACTED] are mailed should bear the return address of an individual or organization presently on Shelton's and [REDACTED] approved correspondents lists.

You are instructed to furnish the Bureau with your suggestions regarding the proposed return addresses promptly.

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NOTE: As a counterintelligence measure, Birmingham has suggested the mailing of an anonymous letter addressed to Shelton, who is at the federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas, with copies to be sent to [REDACTED] at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury Connecticut, and [REDACTED]. The letter should allege that while Shelton and [REDACTED] are in prison, [REDACTED] were engaged in an illicit sexual relationship at the Holiday Inn motel, Washington, North Carolina, while both were staying there in connection with Klan business during the period of July 12-19, 1969. Inasmuch as letters without return addresses are not delivered to inmates of Federal Correctional Institutions, it is desired that suitable return addresses for this proposed letter be furnished by Birmingham Office to insure the letters would reach Shelton and [REDACTED] in their respective places of incarceration.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: September 9, 1969

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBHlet dated 8/15/69 and BULEt dated 9/4/69.

Birmingham agrees that since inmates of Federal Correctional Institutions are allowed to receive mail only from individuals and organizations which are on their respective correspondents lists, the envelopes in which the letters proposed by Birmingham are to be sent to ROBERT M. SHELTON and [REDACTED] should bear the return address of an individual or organization presently on SHELTON's and [REDACTED] approved correspondents lists. *Robert M. Shelton*

b7c In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to authorize Birmingham to send the letters to SHELTON and [REDACTED] in envelopes bearing the return address of an individual or organization presently on their respective approved correspondents lists. The Bureau is also requested to furnish Birmingham with copies of the approved correspondents lists of SHELTON and [REDACTED] with authority for Birmingham to use a return address selected by the Bureau for each of the envelopes involved. *DU*

Should the Bureau not be in possession of the above-mentioned lists, the Bureau is requested to instruct Dallas and New Haven to expeditiously furnish Birmingham with the desired lists.

Birmingham will await further instructions from the Bureau prior to initiating any further action in regard to the situation involved.

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF KLAN AND WHITE HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA)
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

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ReBMs 8-15-69 and 9-9-69 and Bulet 9-4-69.

Authority to mail the anonymous communications as requested and set forth in referenced Birmingham letter 8-15-69 is granted. The letters should be typed on a manual typewriter using commercially purchased paper. Strict security must be maintained and the Bureau not disclosed as the source of these letters.

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Dallas should furnish Birmingham with the identities of those persons and/or organizations authorized to send mail to Robert N. Shelton at the Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas. New Haven should furnish Birmingham the identities of those persons and/or organizations authorized to send mail to [REDACTED] who is presently serving a sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut.

Upon completion of this mailing, Birmingham should advise the Bureau and remain alert for any information received concerning the mailing.

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Letter to SAC, Birmingham
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF KLAN AND WHITE HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA)

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NOTE:

As a counterintelligence measure, BH has suggested the mailing of an anonymous letter addressed to Robert M. Shelton who is at the Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas, with copies to be sent to [redacted] at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut. Shelton is the Imperial Wizard of the UKA, Inc. and [redacted]

[redacted] While they are in jail, the UKA is being run by [redacted] BH suggests that a communication be directed to these two Klan leaders pointing out an illicit relationship between [redacted]

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It is imperative that we continue a policy of disruption within the UKA. If [redacted] is placed in disfavor, we will be accomplishing much toward this policy. The letter proposed by BH points out that from July 13 through July 19 [redacted] carried on an affair while both were staying at the Holiday Inn motel in Washington, North Carolina. These people were in fact at this hotel during this time and spent much time together. We are authorizing this counterintelligence proposal and instructing pertinent offices to advise BH of the identities of the persons and/or organizations who have permission to mail letters to these prisoners.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-5)

DATE: 9/26/69

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF KLAN AND WHITE HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA)
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

Re Bureau letter, 9/24/69, and Charlotte airtel,
9/16/69.

As instructed in referenced Bureau letter, Birmingham is herewith enclosing some names and addresses of klansmen whom Birmingham believes should receive the mailing authorized by the Bureau. Birmingham is furnishing the most complete mailing addresses of these klansmen now available to Birmingham. Charlotte is requested to use more complete mailing addresses for the following recipients if readily available.

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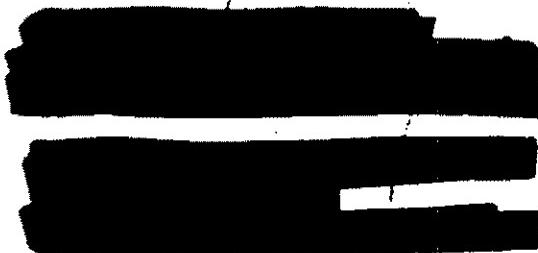
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The above list is being restricted to UKA klansmen of national status or former national status.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 9/30/69

Re Birmingham letter to the Bureau, dated 7/1/69.

(1) Potential Counterintelligence Action

Birmingham continues to feel that the mailing of cartoons, anonymous untraceable cards, leaflets and similar type literature to known Klansmen can serve as a very important disruptive action in the Counterintelligence Program. The Birmingham Office is also definitely of the opinion that the proper use of anonymous telephone calls on a selective basis to certain UKA leaders and for active members can be, and in the past has been, used successfully by the Birmingham Office. At the appropriate time or times in the future, Birmingham plans further use of such calls in appropriate situations with Bureau approval and the Bureau will be contacted concerning same in all such cases.

(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

By letter dated 7/28/69, Birmingham requested authority to prepare an anonymous communication to be sent to ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA). This letter to SHELTON was to exploit the conduct of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] during the recent past.

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The Bureau by letter dated 8/8/69, authorized Birmingham to prepare and mail the anonymous letter to Imperial Wizard SHELTON as mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Birmingham took the action authorized by the Bureau in regard to this matter.

By letter dated 8/14/69, Birmingham requested Bureau authority to prepare and mail anonymous communications to Imperial Wizard SHELTON and [REDACTED] North Carolina

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[REDACTED] of the UKA, and to [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED]. This communication was to be sent in order to exploit the alleged conduct and/or misconduct of [REDACTED] in North Carolina during early July of 1939.

In accordance with Bureau letter to Birmingham dated 9/4/69, Birmingham requested Bureau authority for the Dallas and New Haven Offices to furnish Birmingham with the return addresses of individuals and/or organizations on the present approved correspondents mailing lists of Imperial Wizard SHELTON and [REDACTED].

The Bureau by letter dated 9/19/69, authorized Birmingham to mail the anonymous communications as requested by Birmingham and dealt with in the two preceding paragraphs. The Bureau also directed the Dallas and New Haven Offices to furnish Birmingham with the identities of those persons and/or organizations authorized to correspond with SHELTON and [REDACTED]. Birmingham will take action on the preparation and mailing of the communications authorized by the Bureau upon receipt of the desired information from the Dallas and New Haven Offices.

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By airtel to the Charlotte Office (interoffice) dated 8/29/69, Birmingham requested Charlotte to advise whether or not [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] would be willing to mail copies of an undated three-page printed letter to certain UKA Officers and/or UKA Klansmen in UKA Realms other than the Realm of North Carolina.

The Charlotte Office by airtel to the Bureau dated 9/9/69, answered Birmingham's inquiry as set forth in the preceding paragraph and advised that [REDACTED] above described, would be willing to furnish copies of the above mentioned letter which he had recently distributed to North Carolina Klansmen. Charlotte in this airtel requested Bureau authority for the sending of [REDACTED] letter.

The Bureau by letter dated 9/24/69, authorized Charlotte to allow [REDACTED] above described, to mail copies of his letter mentioned above to selected Klansmen throughout the country. The Bureau instructed Birmingham to furnish Charlotte with the names and addresses of those Klansmen who Birmingham believes should receive the mailing.

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Birmingham by letter to the Bureau dated 9/26/69 furnished the Bureau and the Charlotte Office with the necessary names and mailing addresses of those UKA Klansmen believed by Birmingham to be the proper ones to receiving the mailing of the above mentioned letter of [REDACTED]

(3) Tangible Results

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As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant program concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham has also previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

It is also quite apparent, in the opinion of Birmingham, that ROBERT SHELTON, [REDACTED] and other high ranking officials of the UKA, are greatly concerned in regard to the activity of the FBI, the probability that the FBI has highly placed informants in the UKA, and the fact that the FBI is probably in a position to have immediate and/or advance notice of any plans of any nature on the part of the UKA.

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Date: 10/8/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-4)
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-689) (P)
 SUBJECT: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM,
 DISRUPTION OF KLAN AND
 WHITE HATE GROUPS,
 UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA),
 RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

Re Birmingham letter to the Bureau dated 9/9/69,
 and Bureau letter to Birmingham dated 9/19/69.

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 The record of ROBERT M. SHELTON, Federal Correctional
 Institution, Texarkana, Texas, was reviewed by SA [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] on 9/24/69, and the following approved correspondents
 of record were noted:

Father

[REDACTED]

Mother

[REDACTED]
 same address as father.

Children b7c

[REDACTED]
 same address as
 father.

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Note is made in the letter of Birmingham dated 9/9/68, that the envelopes containing the letters would bear the return address of approved correspondents, but no mention is made whether or not the letter would bear the purported signature of the correspondent. If the communication should be anonymous, it should be noted that all correspondence to inmates are opened and read by FCI authorities and an anonymous letter would not be delivered to him. SHELTON in the past has received letters from sympathizers not on his correspondence list and he has not been permitted to receive or read these letters. SHELTON is aware of this and has, in fact, registered a protest concerning the fact that he was not permitted to receive such correspondence of an irregular nature and not in accordance with the rules of the FCI of which he is cognizant, would immediately arouse his suspicion as to their origin and possibly render them worthless with respect to this program.

Therefore, the following suggestions are made with reference to the proposed correspondence. The letter of a correspondent should bear the purported signature of the approved correspondent, since an anonymous letter having only the return address of the correspondent on the envelope would involve complications and problems. In the alternative the following procedure might be followed. At least two letters of fictitious non-approved correspondents could be sent to him, which would eventually go to his Parole and Counseling Office [REDACTED] has established a good relationship with SHELTON and he would then permit SHELTON to read the letters together with the two anonymous communications already received but not delivered to him.

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He would not be permitted to retain the letters. This procedure could be handled in an approved manner by [REDACTED] and would be least likely to arouse suspicion in the mind of SHELT(G). This could be handled on a restricted basis with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with no compromise or embarrassment to the Bureau.

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The Bureau is requested to advise Birmingham and Dallas of the procedure desired. Dallas will maintain contact at the FCI pertaining to this program with regard to SHELT(G).

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 12/24/69

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBillet to Bu, dated 9/30/69.

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(2) Pending Counterintelligence Action

During the current reporting period, Birmingham has requested and obtained Bureau authority to utilize one of its high-placed racial informants in the Counterintelligence Program.

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Birmingham, in its above-mentioned airtel dated 11/25/69, made several specific recommendations in regard to the Bureau's Counterintelligence efforts and the Bureau was requested to authorize Birmingham to instruct [REDACTED] to take certain steps in an effort to urge and convince Imperial Wizard SHELTON that he should take steps which the Birmingham Office felt to be detrimental to the UKA.

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The Bureau by airtel dated 12/3/69, captioned "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)", authorized the Birmingham Office to instruct [REDACTED] to take certain specific courses of action concerning the request made by Birmingham in its above-mentioned airtel dated 11/25/69. The Birmingham Office is presently taking the steps authorized by the Bureau in this regard and is attempting to follow this matter and to take advantage of each and every opportunity to implement the endeavors of the Bureau to neutralize and destroy the Klan through the situation involved as above-mentioned and other Counterintelligence situations.

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It is also to be noted that during October of 1969, with Bureau authorization to interview then [REDACTED] of the UKA, who was also the [REDACTED] of the UKA at that time, Birmingham

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Agents contacted [REDACTED] at his residence. [REDACTED] spoke with the Agents for a considerable period of time in regard to general matters of interest to Klansmen and U. S. citizens in general.

Since that interview by Buagents, [REDACTED] has been removed from his official positions as [REDACTED] of the UKA and also as [REDACTED] of the UKA. It is felt that the contact with [REDACTED] by Buagen is in October of 1969, may possibly have good Counterintelligence activity possibilities in the future b7c and the Birmingham Office is keeping this situation in mind.

(3) Tangible Results

As Birmingham has previously expressed, it is felt that great significance should be attributed to instant progress concerning the fact that there has been almost no trouble, violence or disturbance on the part of the UKA or any other hate group in the Birmingham Division for many months. As Birmingham has also previously expressed, Birmingham continues to feel that such lack of activity on the part of the UKA and the other hate groups quite logically and easily can be attributed or considered to be tangible results of the Counterintelligence activity of the Bureau and various FBI offices participating in captioned matter.

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